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*They used to be Avengers. They weren't very good at it and a bunch of them died. But maybe the world is finally ready for...*

# *The Great Lakes Avengers*

A super villain mob led by the nasty Nain Rouge is terrorizing Detroit, and Councilman Dick Snerd isn't lifting a finger to stop them. The Great Lakes Avengers tried to take on Nain Rouge at his bar, but busted up the place and got arrested instead. Now Flatman, Big Bertha, Doorman and their newest recruit Good Boy are banned from super heroics--but with their former leader/designated hot mess Mister Immortal returned to them from the literal grave, they ain't afraid of no injunction! While investigating Nain Rouge's bar, Bertha and Good Boy discovered that Councilman Dick Snerd IS Nain Rouge! What the what???

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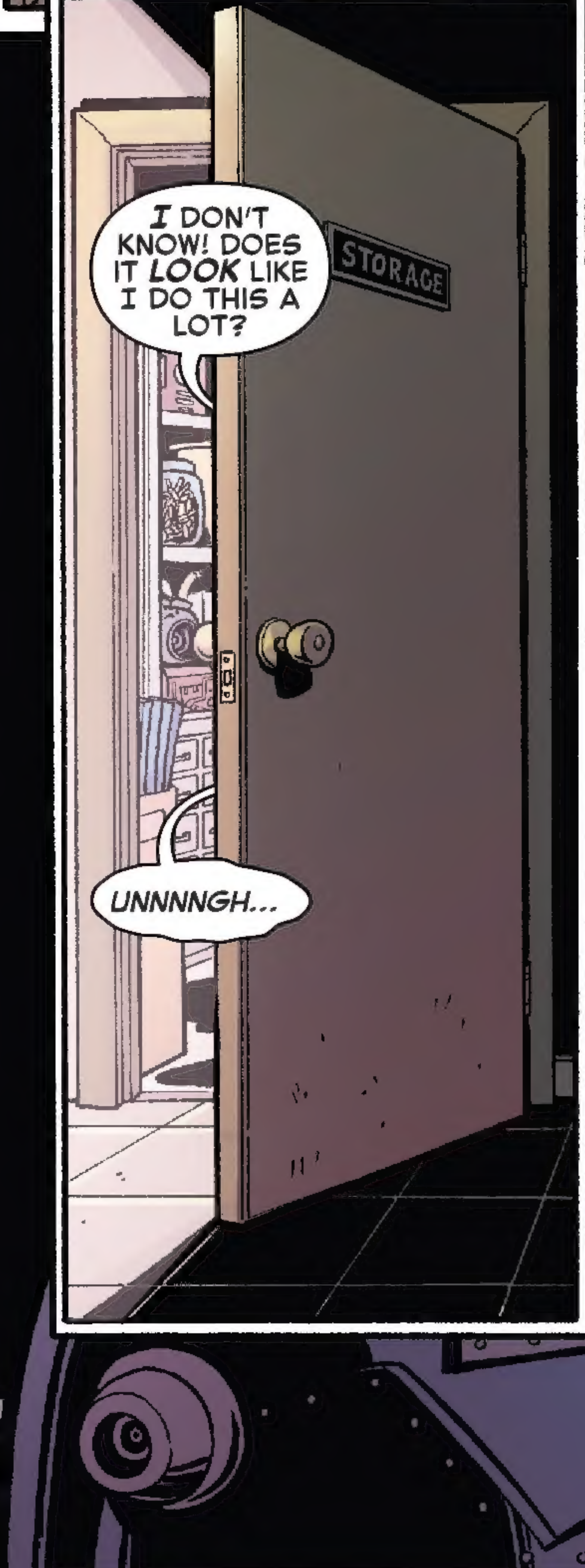
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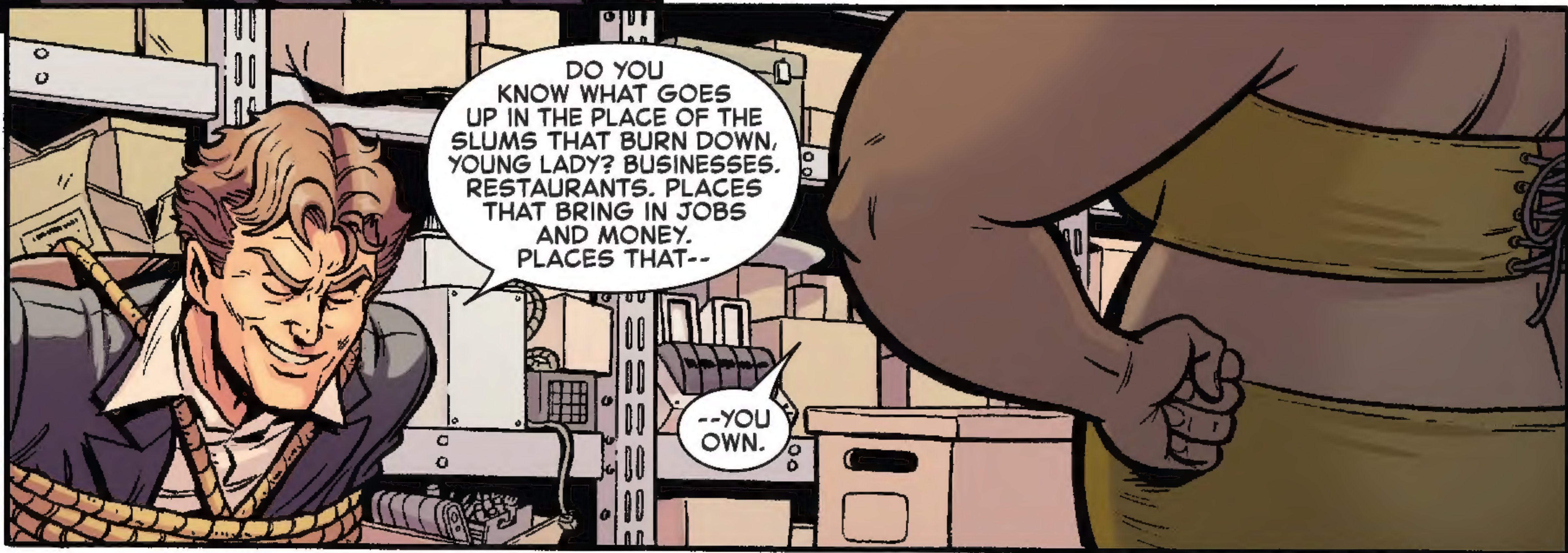
THAT'S HOW YOU SEE IT, RIGHT? I'M THE BAD GUY AND YOU'RE THE GOOD GUYS. YOU'RE WITH THE AVENGERS! YOU MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE! RIGHT?

YOU'RE A JOKE. I'M THE ONLY ONE HELPING THIS CITY.



HOW?! BY SENDING YOUR GOONS IN TO DRIVE PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR HOMES? I KNOW IT WAS YOU! MY BROTHER WAS--

GOOD BOY! HEY! EASY!



DO YOU KNOW WHAT GOES UP IN THE PLACE OF THE SLUMS THAT BURN DOWN, YOUNG LADY? BUSINESSES. RESTAURANTS. PLACES THAT BRING IN JOBS AND MONEY. PLACES THAT--

--YOU OWN.



TECHNICALLY, NAIN ROUGE OWNS THEM. AS A CITY COUNCILMAN, THAT MIGHT BE A...CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

AND WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE YOU HURT ALONG THE WAY? PEOPLE LIKE GOOD AND HER BROTHER?



WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE I'VE HELPED?! I'VE BROUGHT MORE JOBS, MORE MONEY TO THIS CITY THAN ANYONE HAS IN DECADES, AND DO YOU EVEN STOP TO THINK ABOUT THAT?! NO! BECAUSE YOU'RE IDIOTS!

IDIOTS WHO SEE THE WORLD IN BLACK AND WHITE!



DO YOU  
KNOW WHO I REALLY  
AM? NO. OF COURSE  
YOU DON'T. BUT I WAS  
LIKE YOU ONCE. I WAS  
ON THE SIDE OF THE  
ANGELS...



## DEVIL'S NIGHT. DETROIT, YEARS AGO.

"I WAS THIS CITY'S  
SWORN PROTECTOR.  
BACK THEN, DETROIT  
WAS IN THE GRIPS OF  
THE WORST CRIME  
WAVE IN THE COUNTRY.  
CRACK COCAINE, GANG  
VIOLENCE, ARSON. THE  
CITY WAS A WAR ZONE.

"AND I WAS THE  
ONLY ONE WHO  
SEEMED TO CARE.

"I WAS JUST A KID THEN.  
AMBITIOUS AND STUPID.

"I WANTED TO MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE, SO I DRESSED  
UP IN TIGHTS, GOT MYSELF A  
GIMMICK--NAIN ROUGE, THE  
'RED DWARF,' PROTECTOR  
OF DETROIT--AND TOOK  
TO THE STREETS.

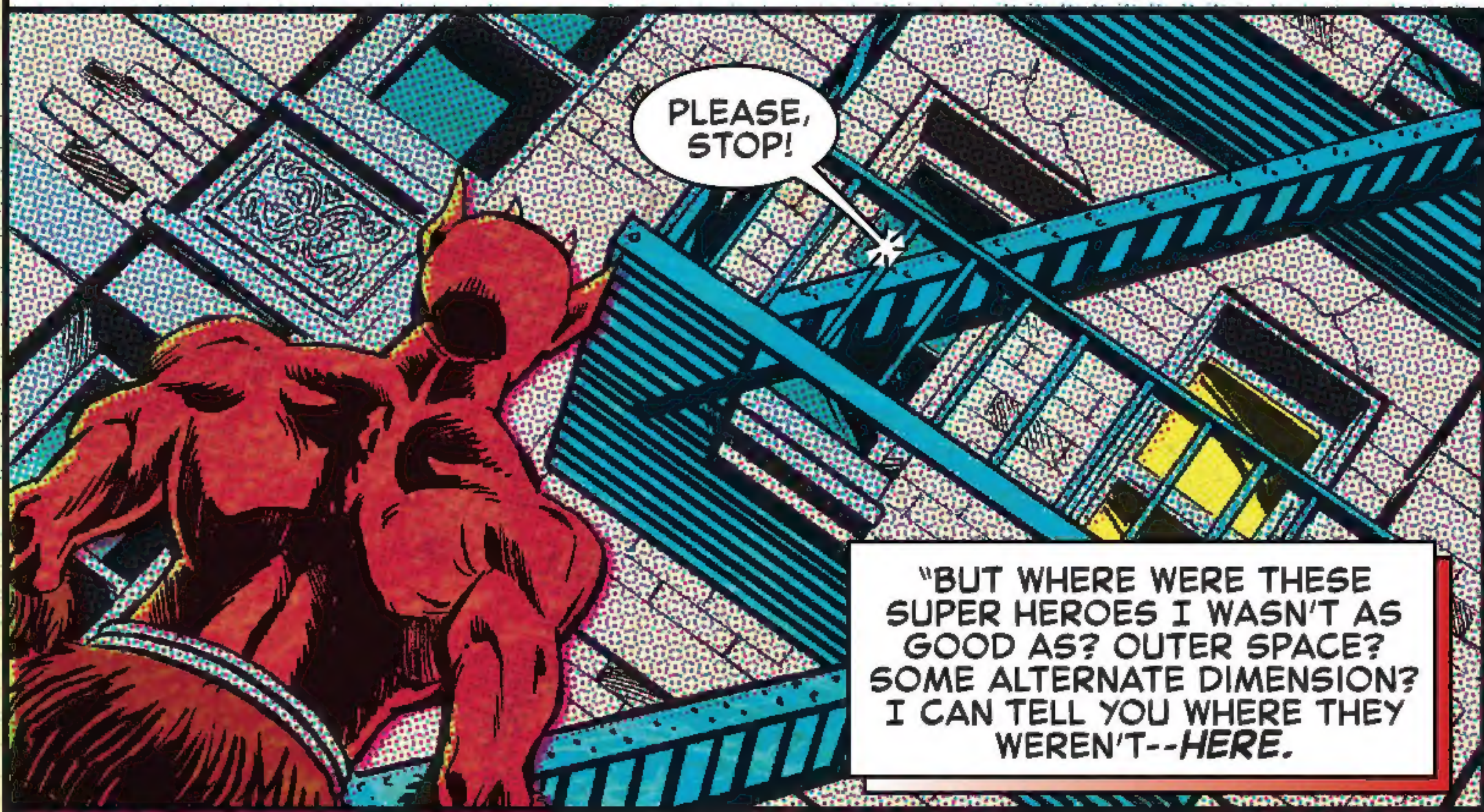
"LOCAL PAPERS CALLED  
ME A CUT-RATE DAREDEVIL.  
THE NATIONAL NEWS HAD  
NO IDEA I EVEN EXISTED.



PLEASE,  
STOP!

"BUT WHERE WERE THESE  
SUPER HEROES I WASN'T AS  
GOOD AS? OUTER SPACE?  
SOME ALTERNATE DIMENSION?  
I CAN TELL YOU WHERE THEY  
WEREN'T--HERE.

"BUT I LEARNED  
SOMETHING BACK  
THEN. AN IMPORTANT  
LESSON.



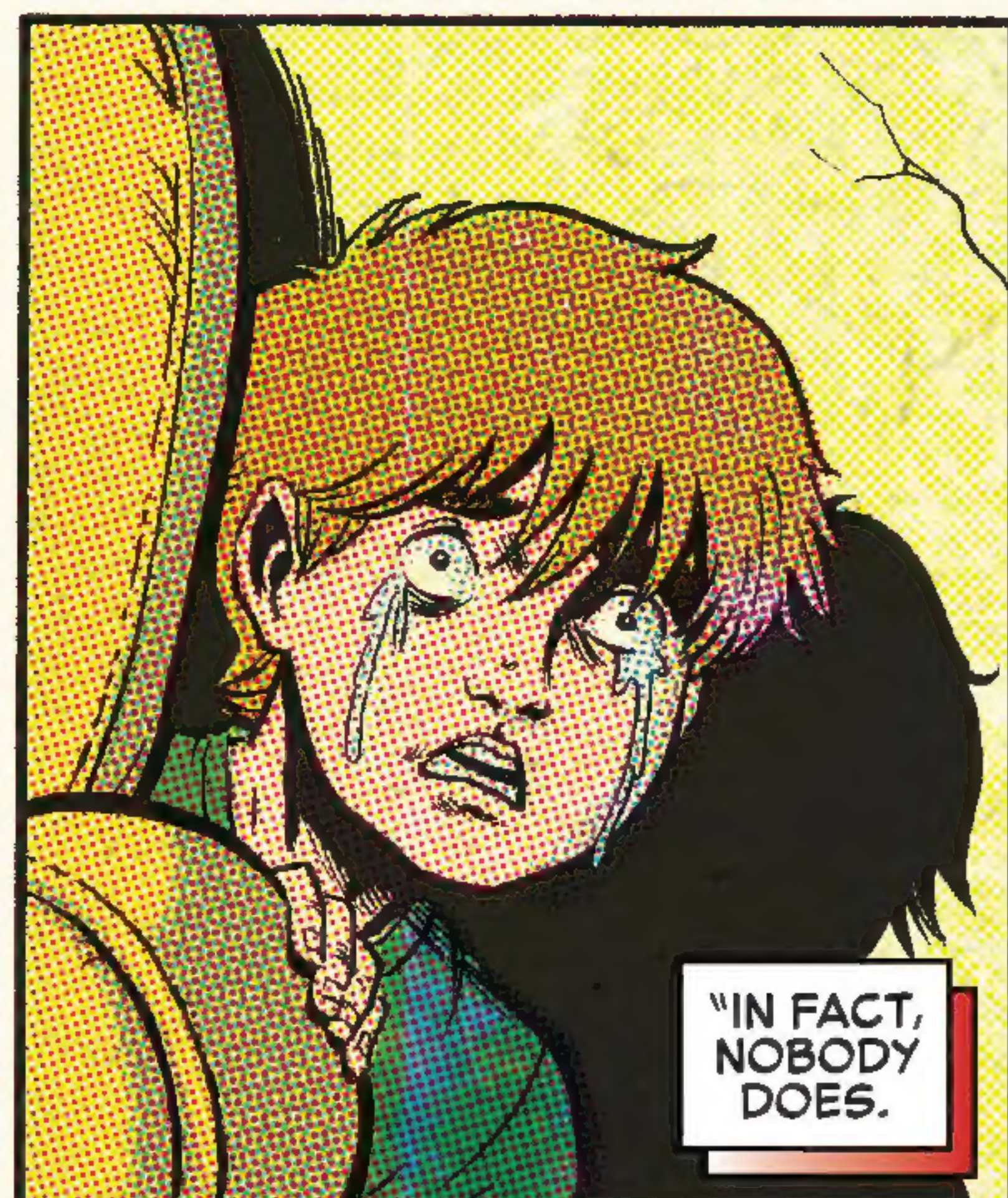




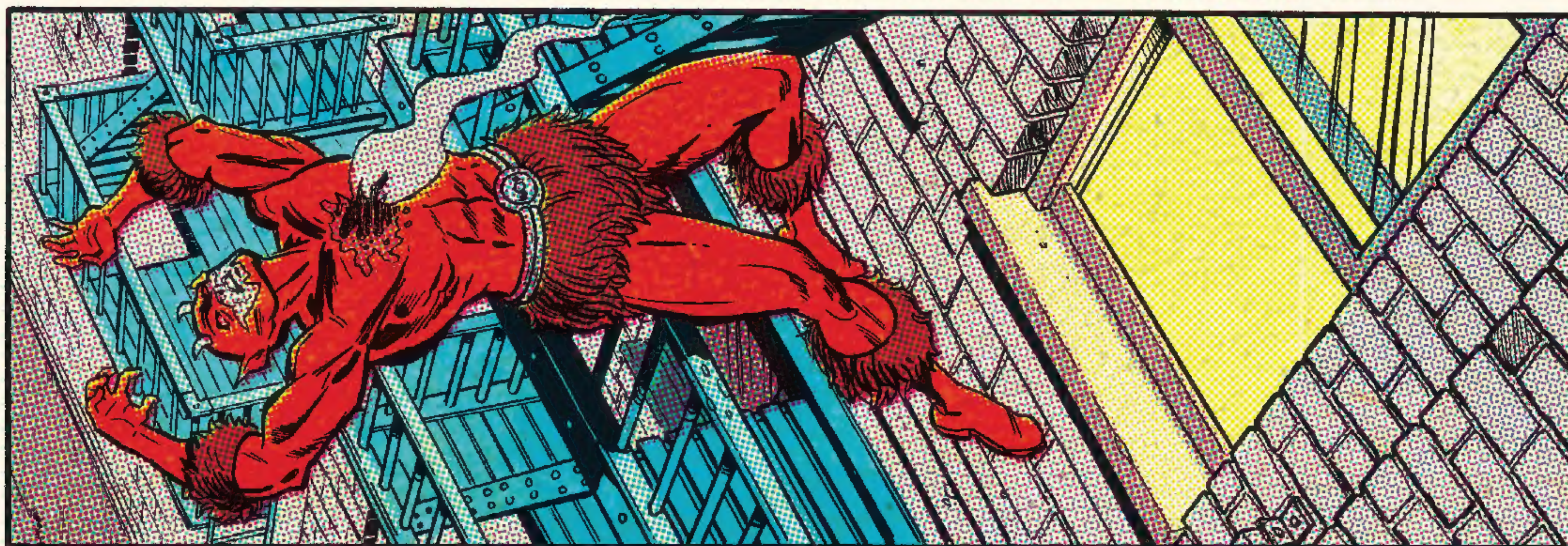
"THIS CITY  
DOESN'T NEED  
SUPER HEROES."



"IT DOESN'T NEED  
PEOPLE IN SPANDEX  
FIGHTING OVER  
COSMIC ARTIFACTS."



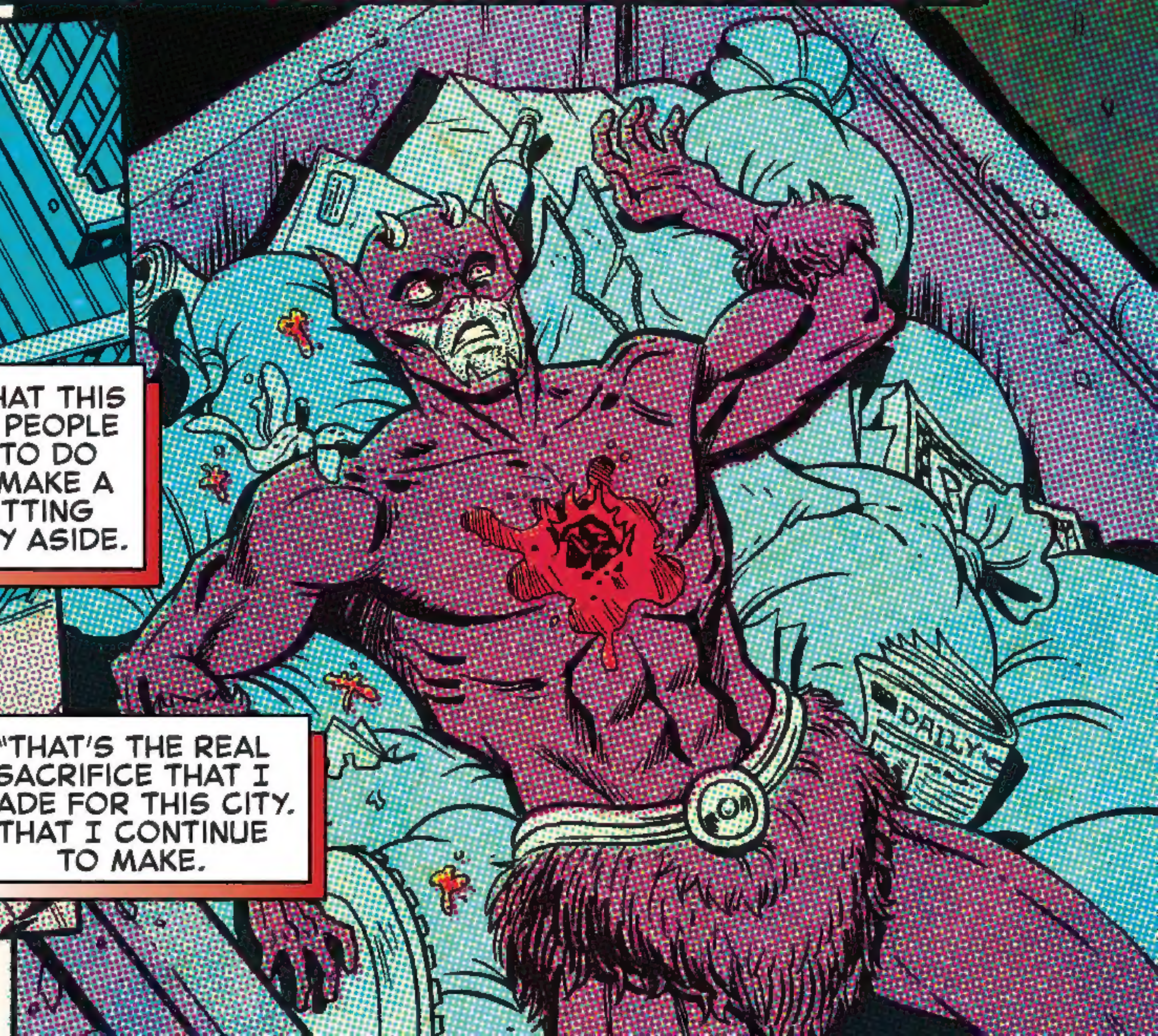
"IN FACT,  
NOBODY  
DOES."



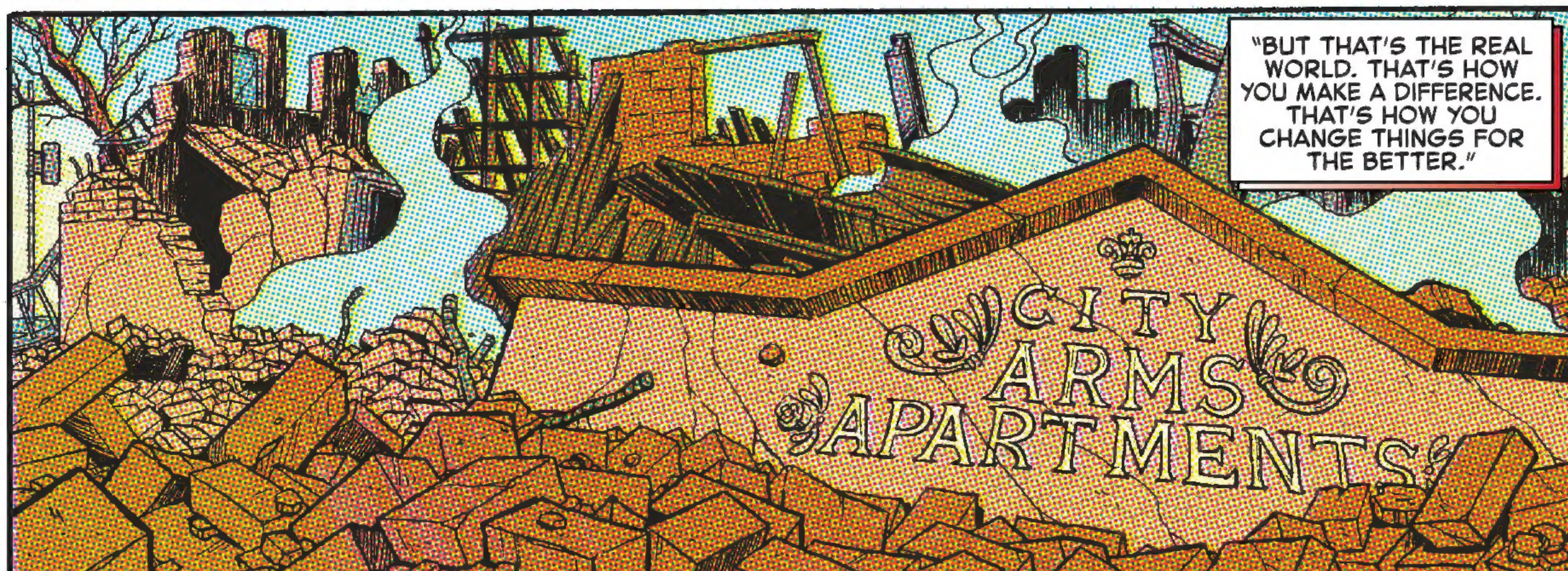
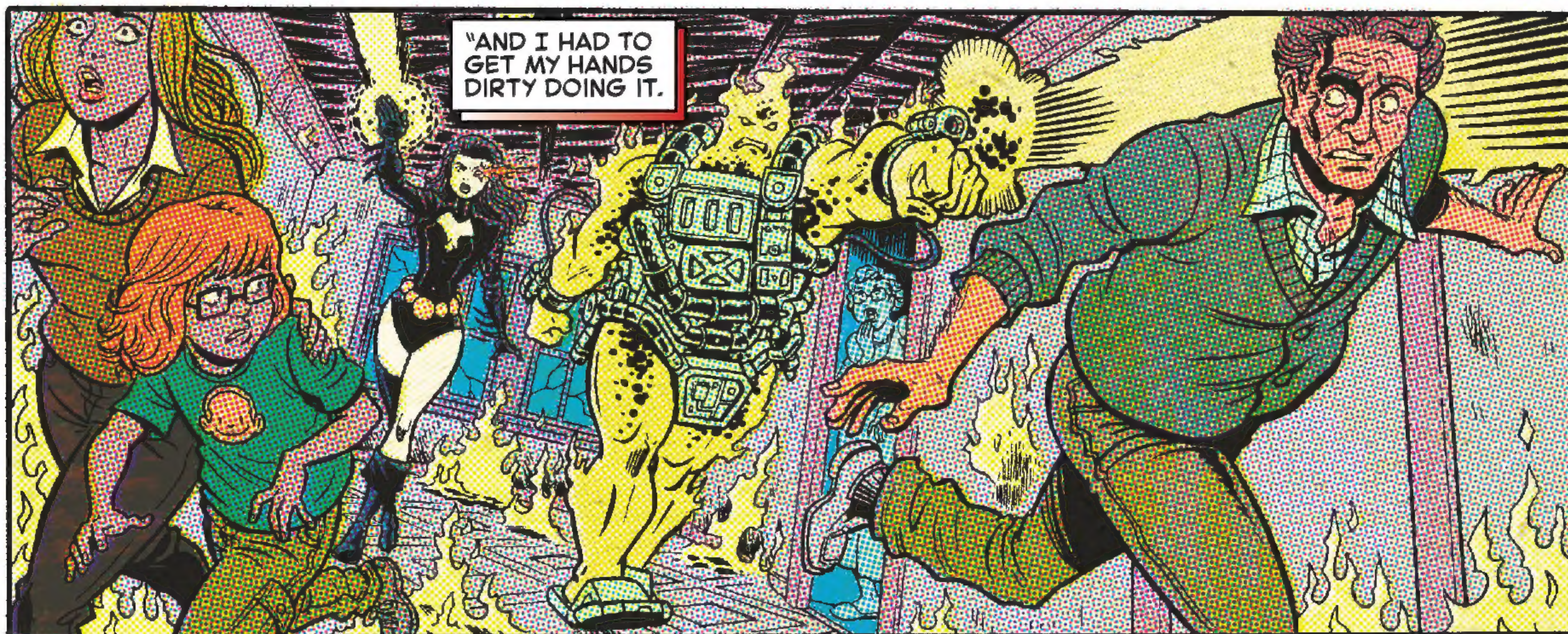
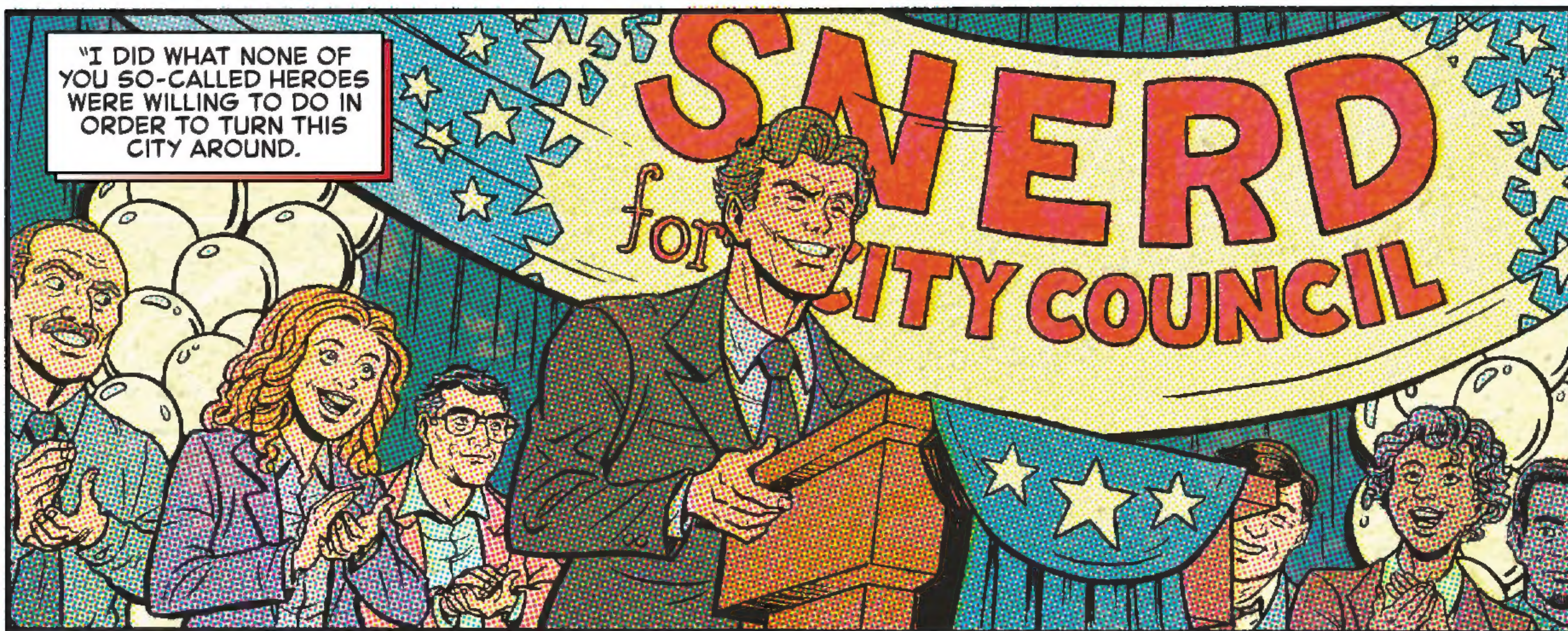
"WHAT THIS CITY, WHAT THIS  
WORLD NEEDS, ARE PEOPLE  
WHO ARE WILLING TO DO  
WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE BY PUTTING  
THEIR OWN MORALITY ASIDE."



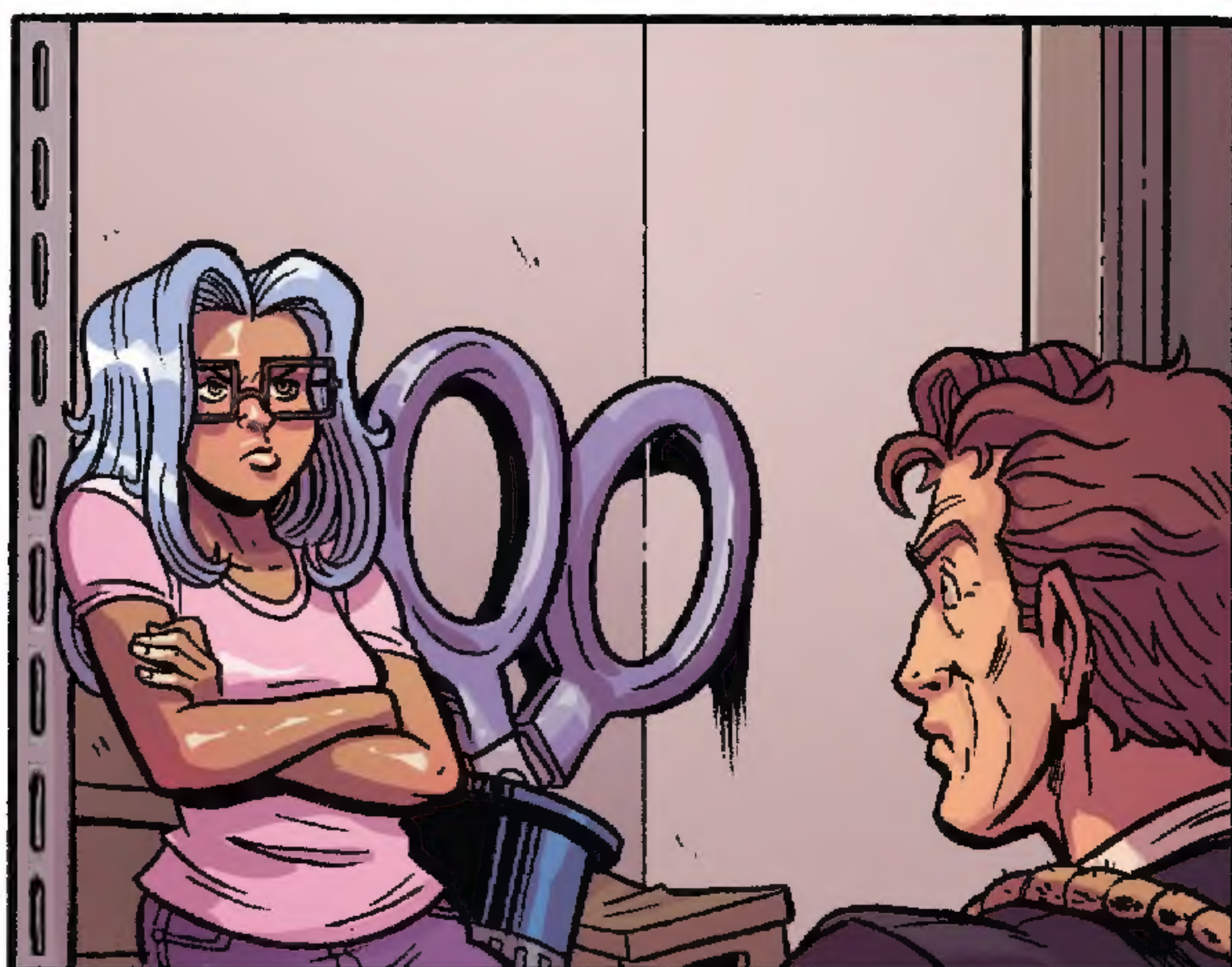
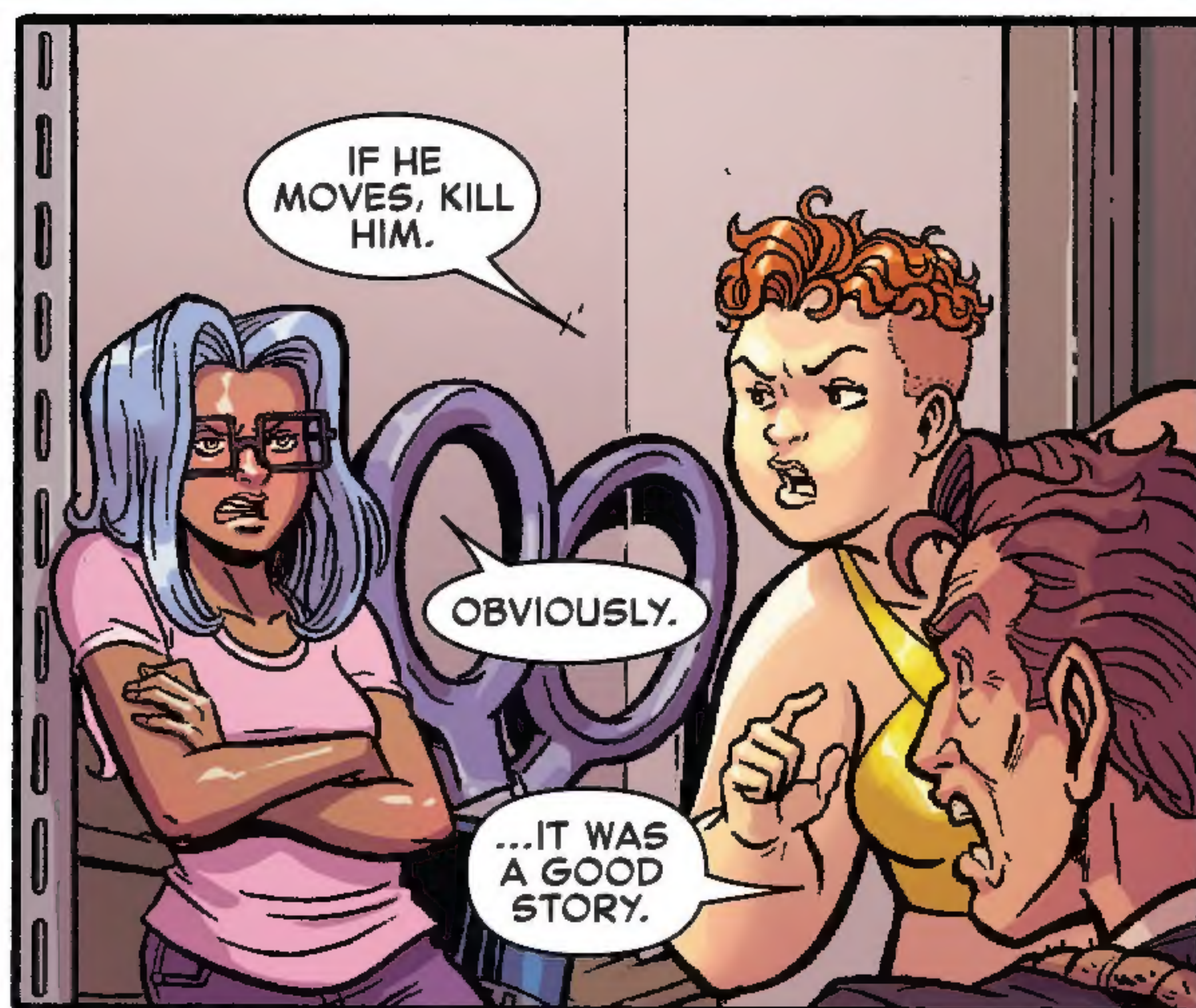
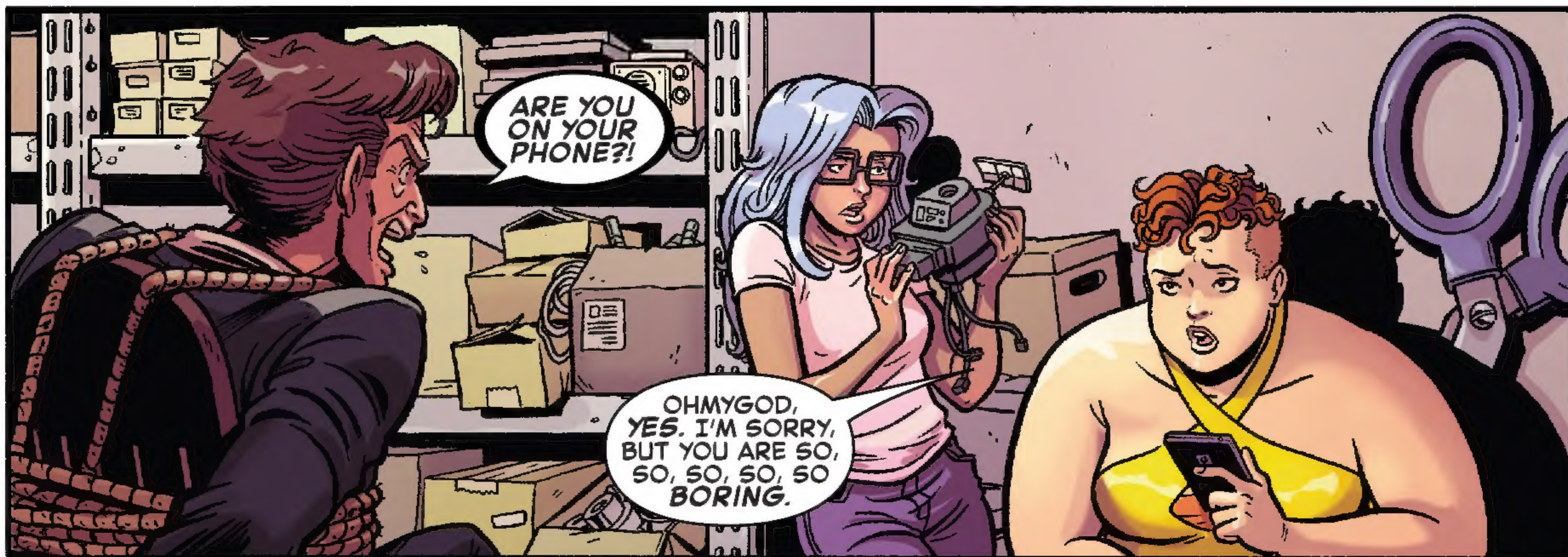
"THAT'S THE REAL  
SACRIFICE THAT I  
MADE FOR THIS CITY.  
THAT I CONTINUE  
TO MAKE."



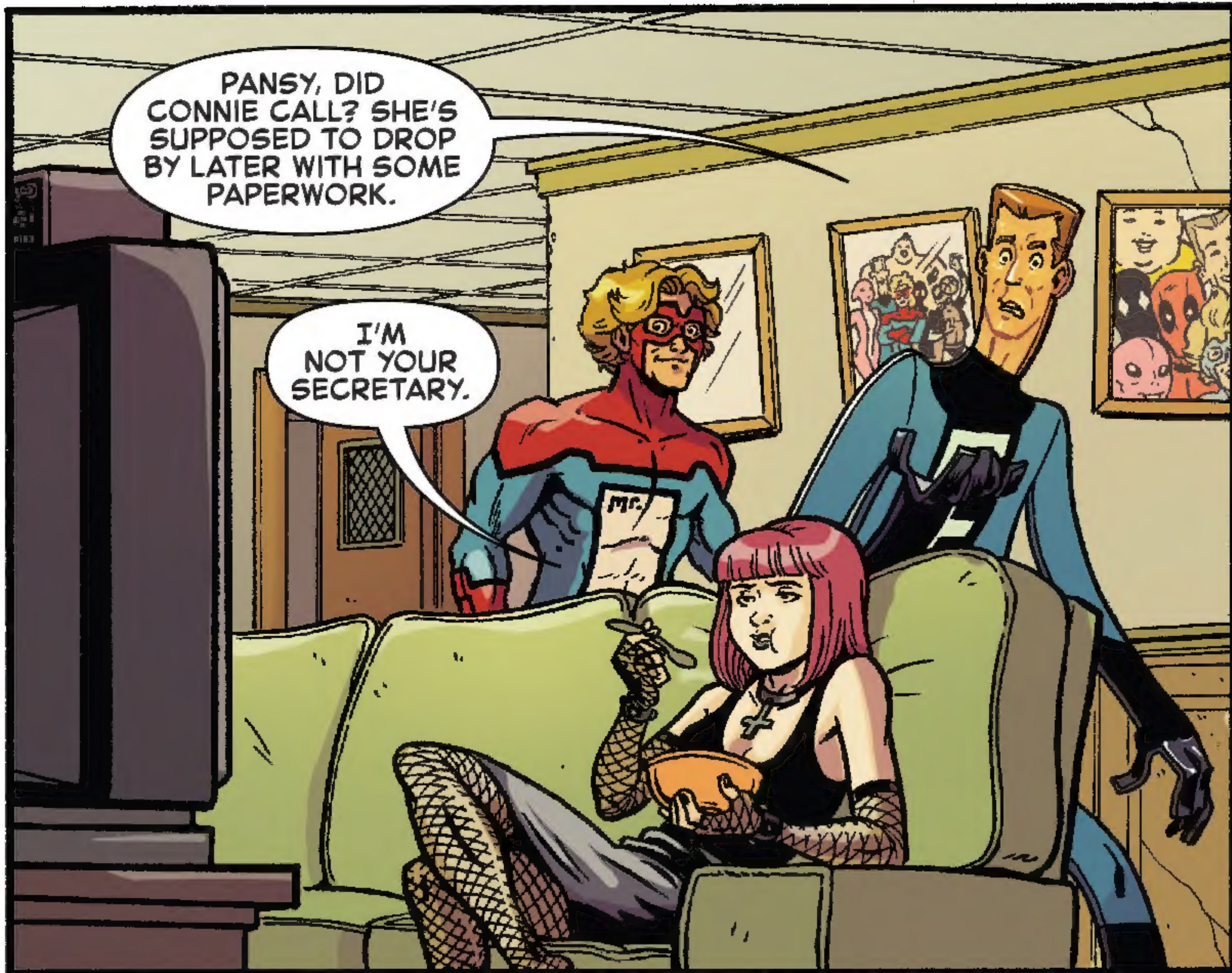












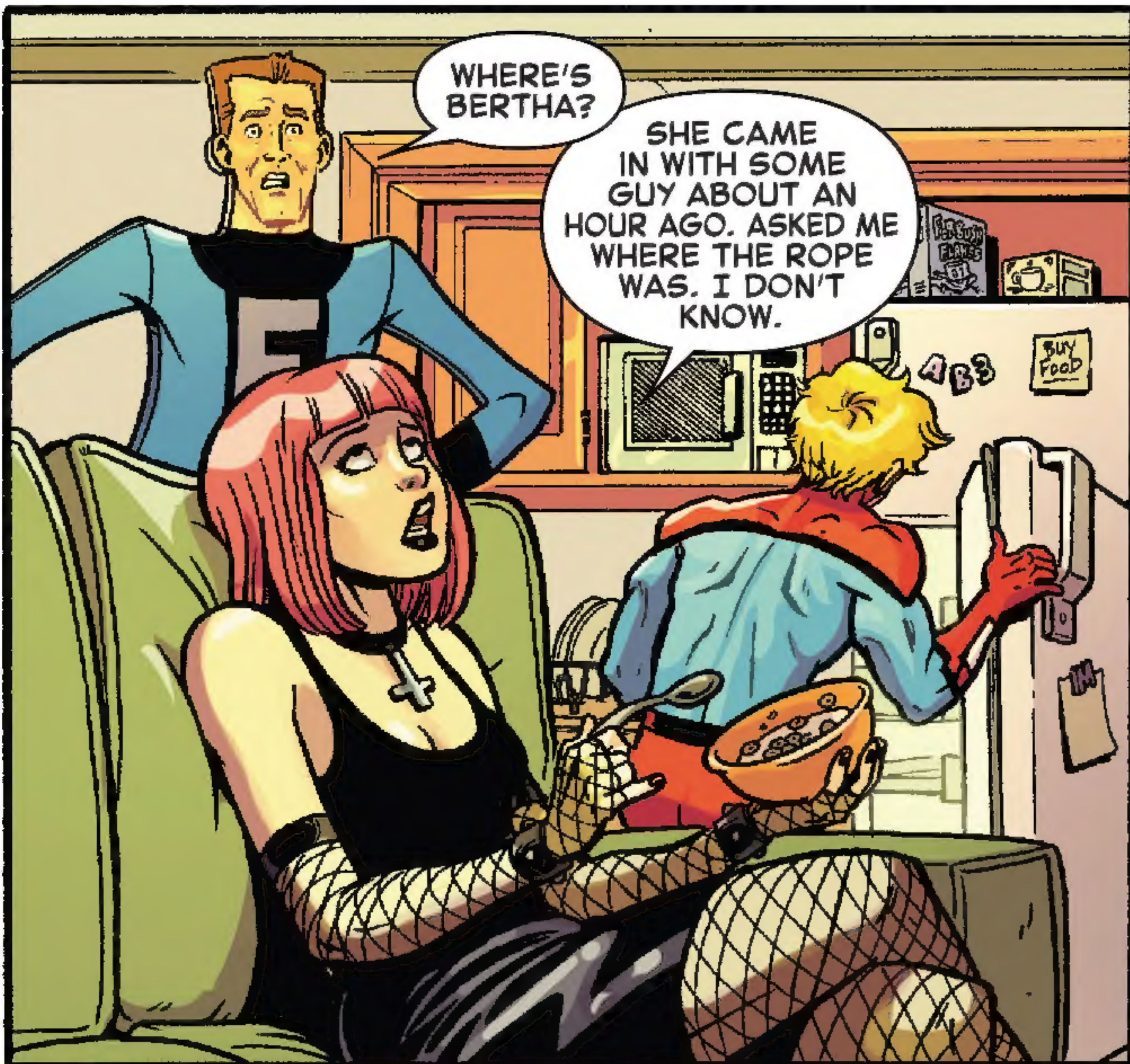
PANSY, DID CONNIE CALL? SHE'S SUPPOSED TO DROP BY LATER WITH SOME PAPERWORK.

I'M NOT YOUR SECRETARY.



YES, YOU LITERALLY ARE.

I THINK YOU MEAN FIGURATIVELY, BUT NO. NOBODY CALLED. ALSO, I'M NOT 100% CONVINCED WE HAVE A LANDLINE HERE.



WHERE'S BERTHA?

SHE CAME IN WITH SOME GUY ABOUT AN HOUR AGO. ASKED ME WHERE THE ROPE WAS. I DON'T KNOW.



WAIT... WHAT? WHAT GUY?

WHY? ARE YOU JEALOUS?

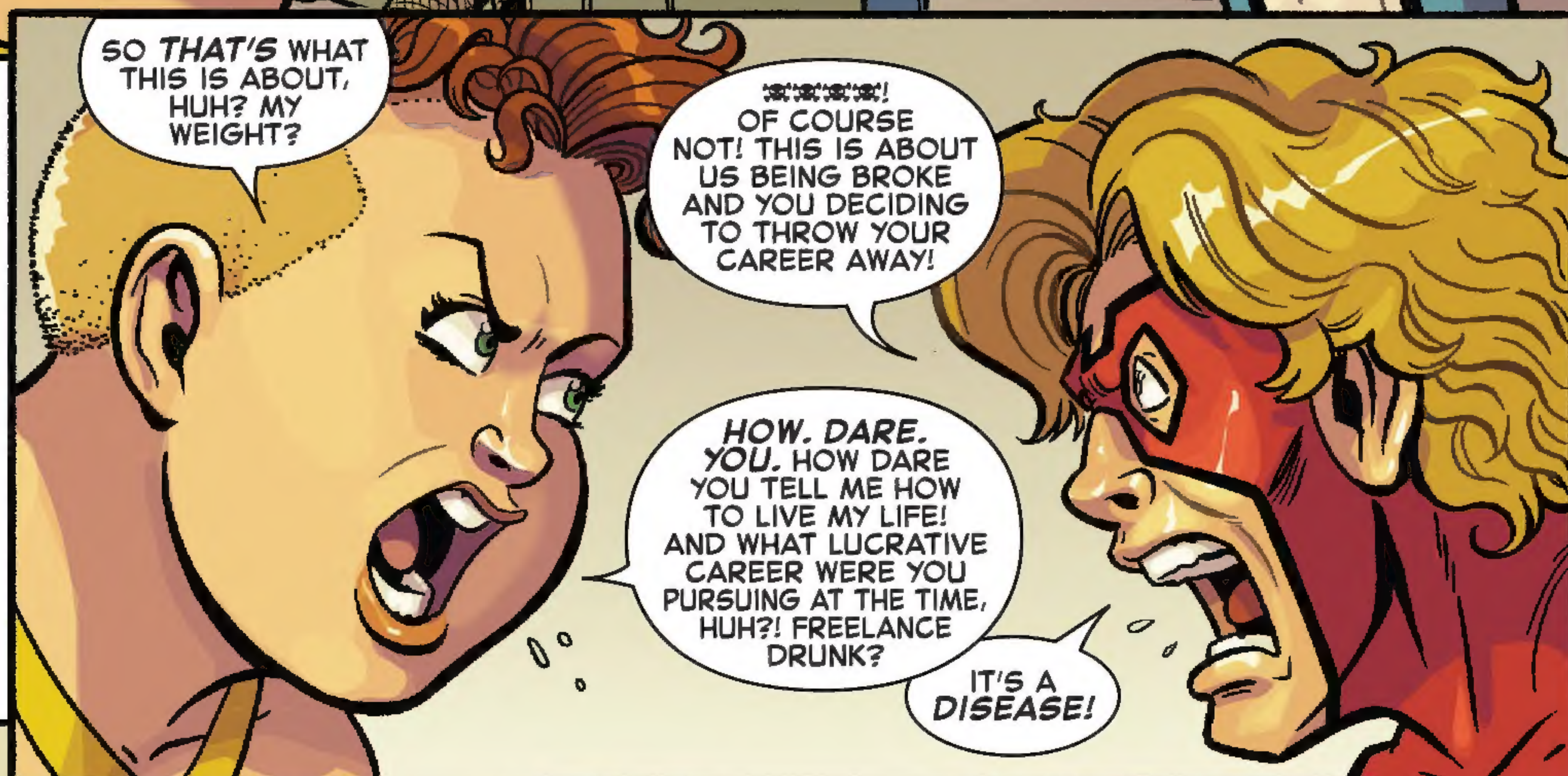
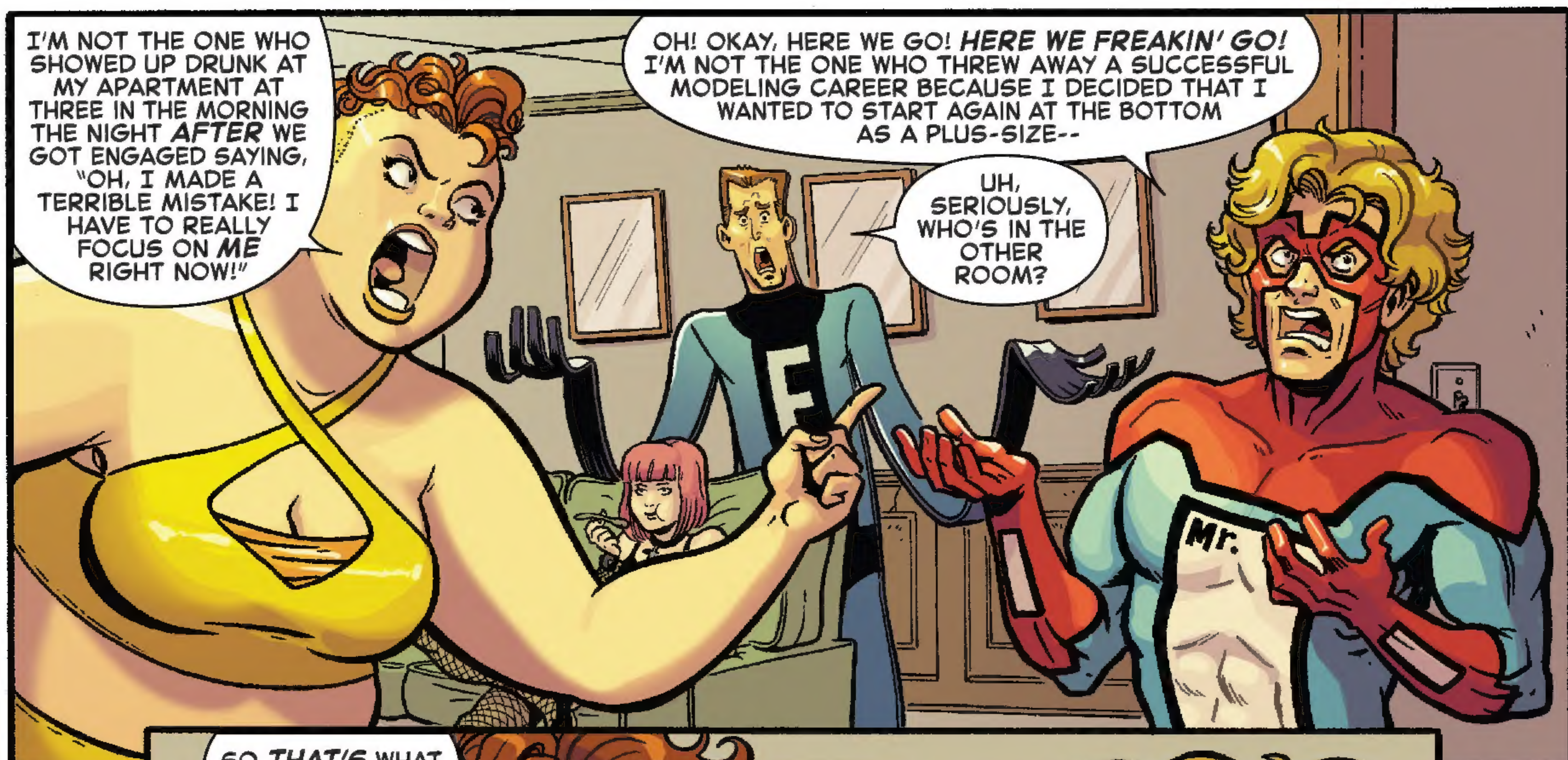


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WHAT? NO! OF COURSE NOT!

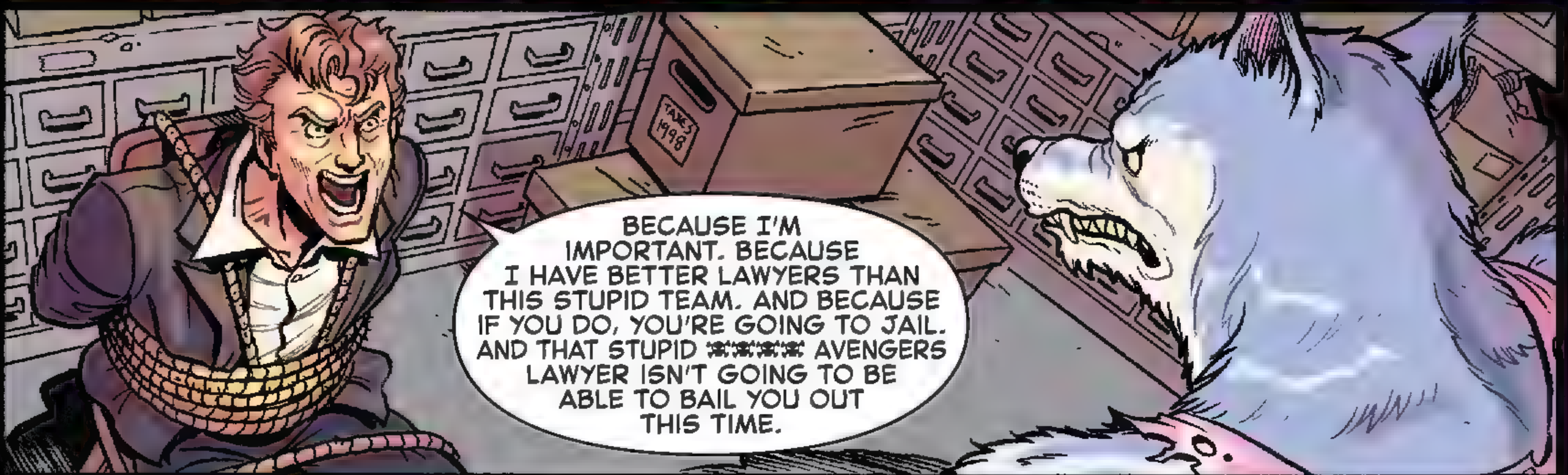
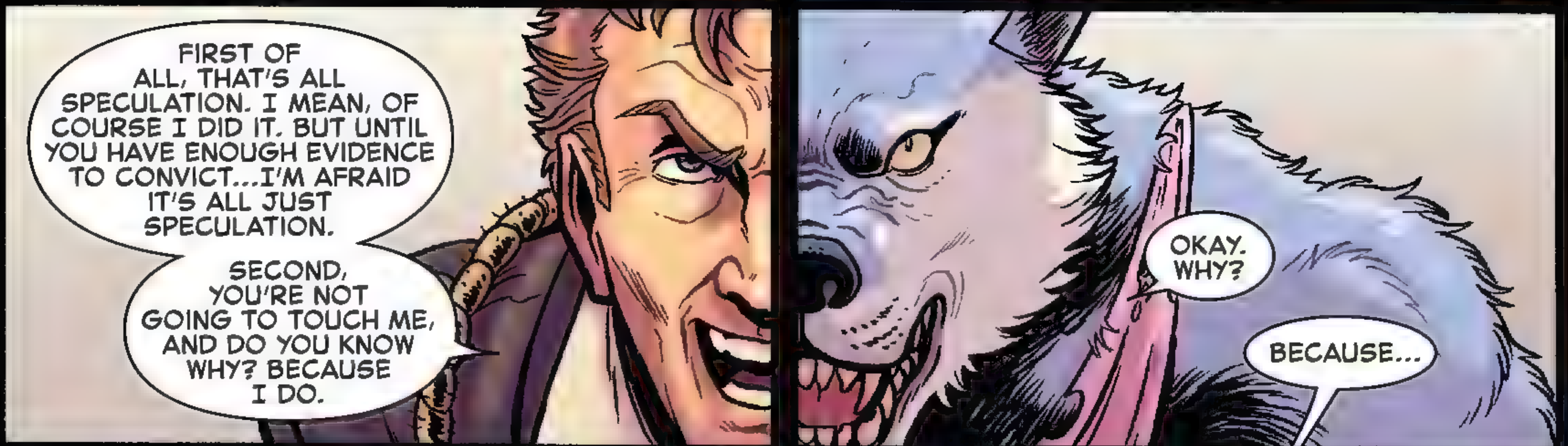
BECAUSE IN CASE YOU FORGOT, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO BAILED ON ME, REMEMBER?

WAIT, WHAT GUY IS HERE?





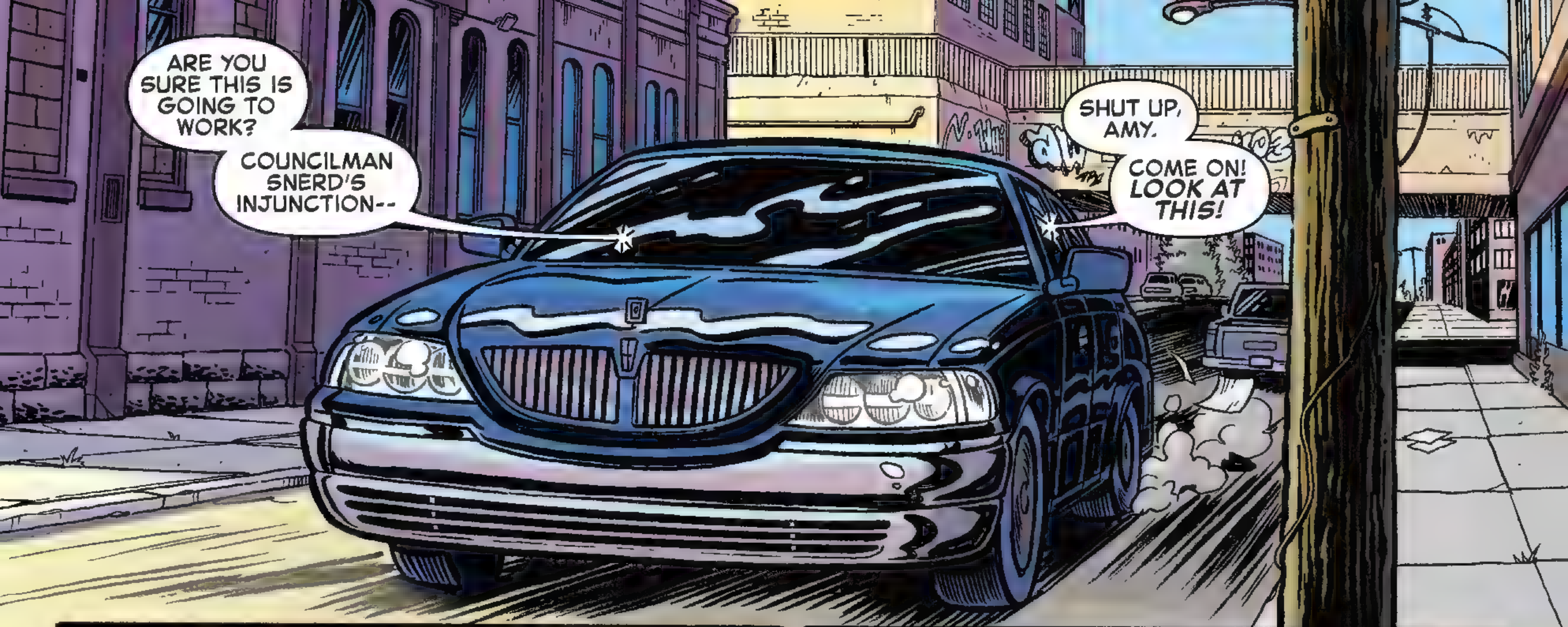




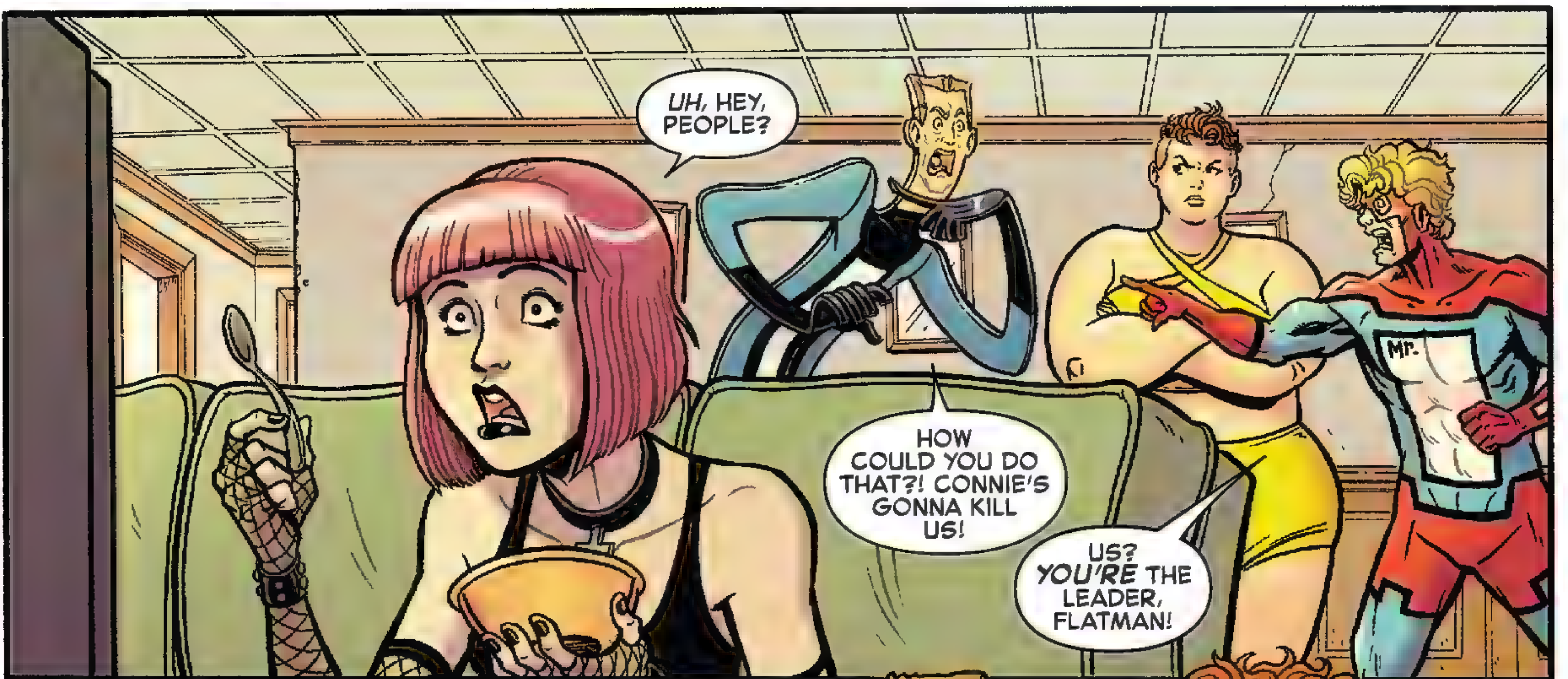
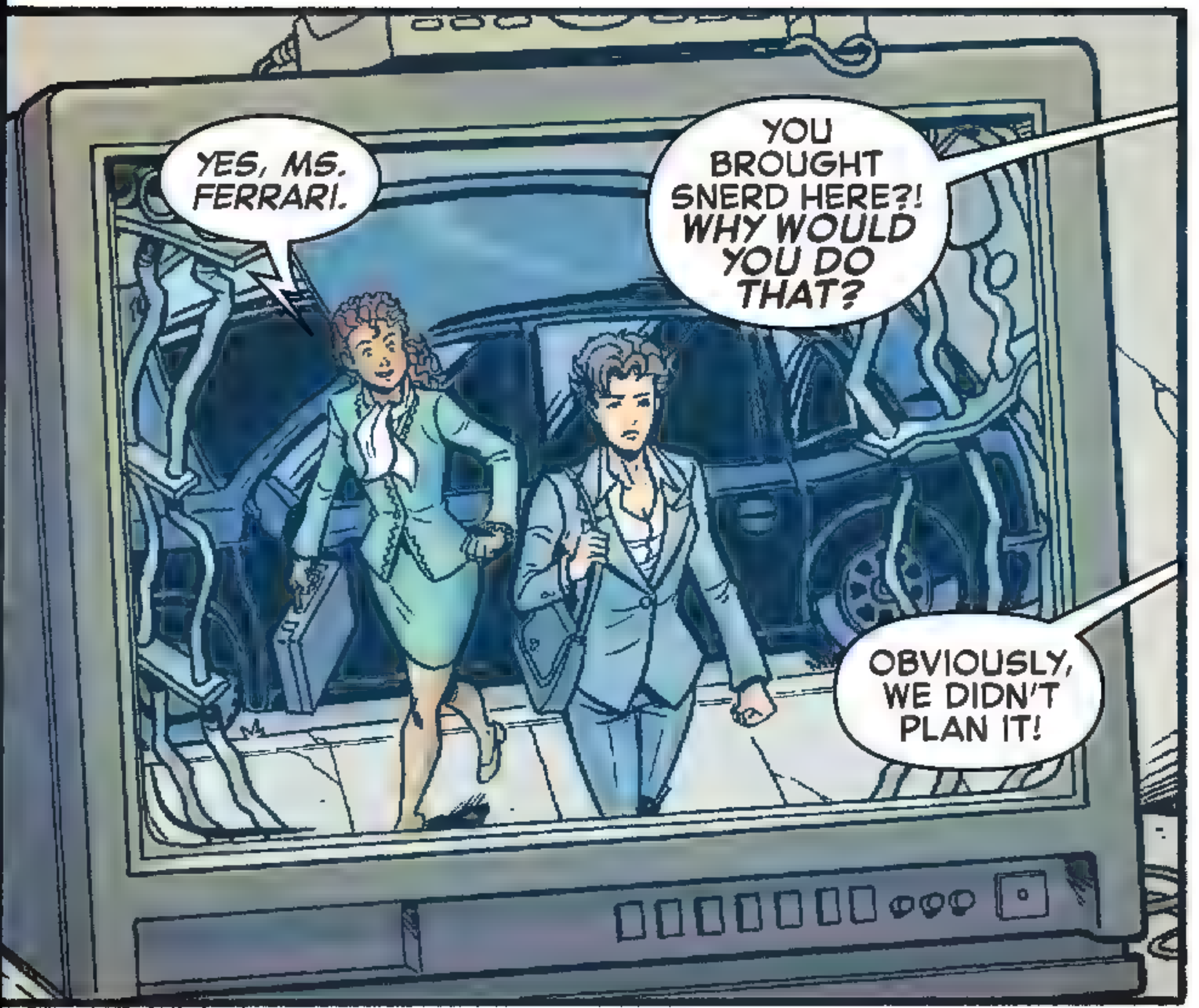




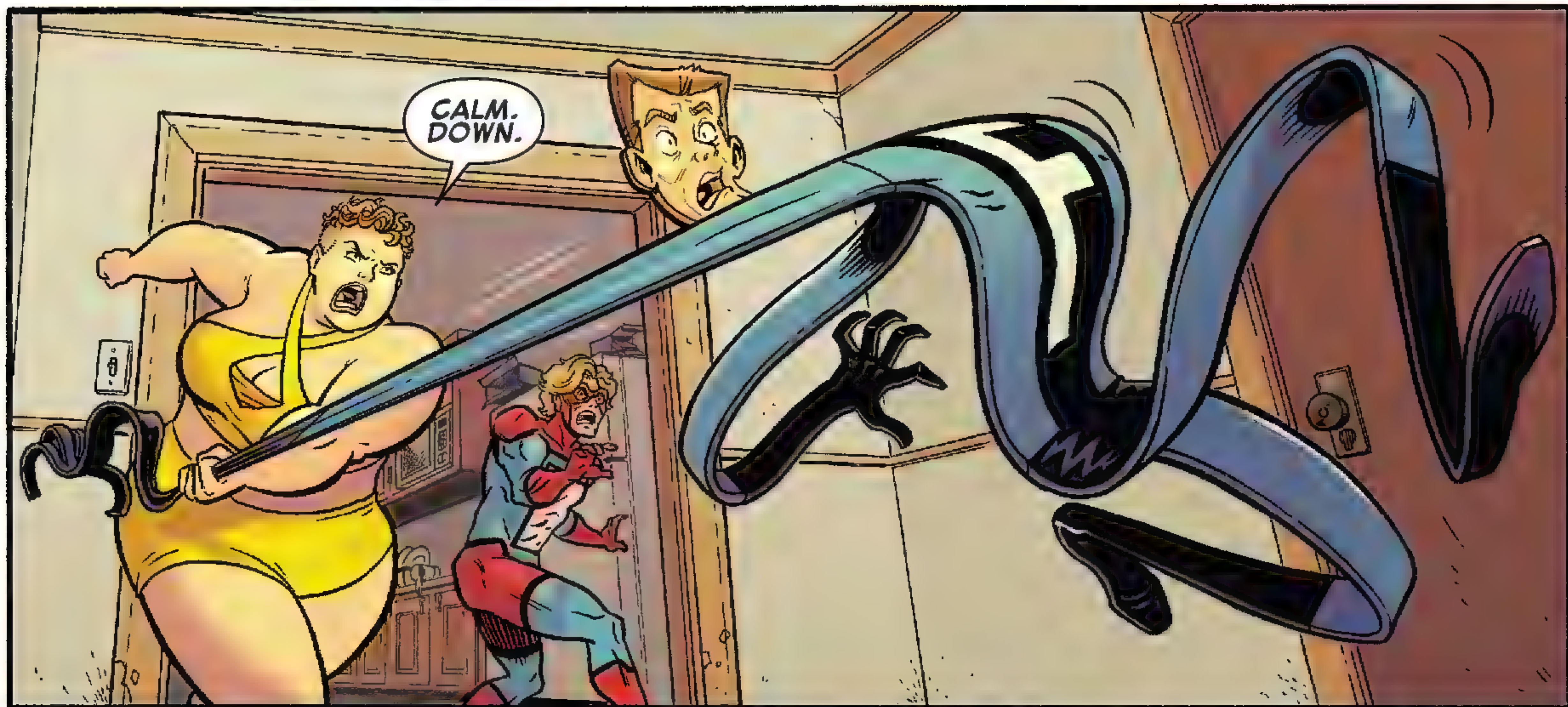
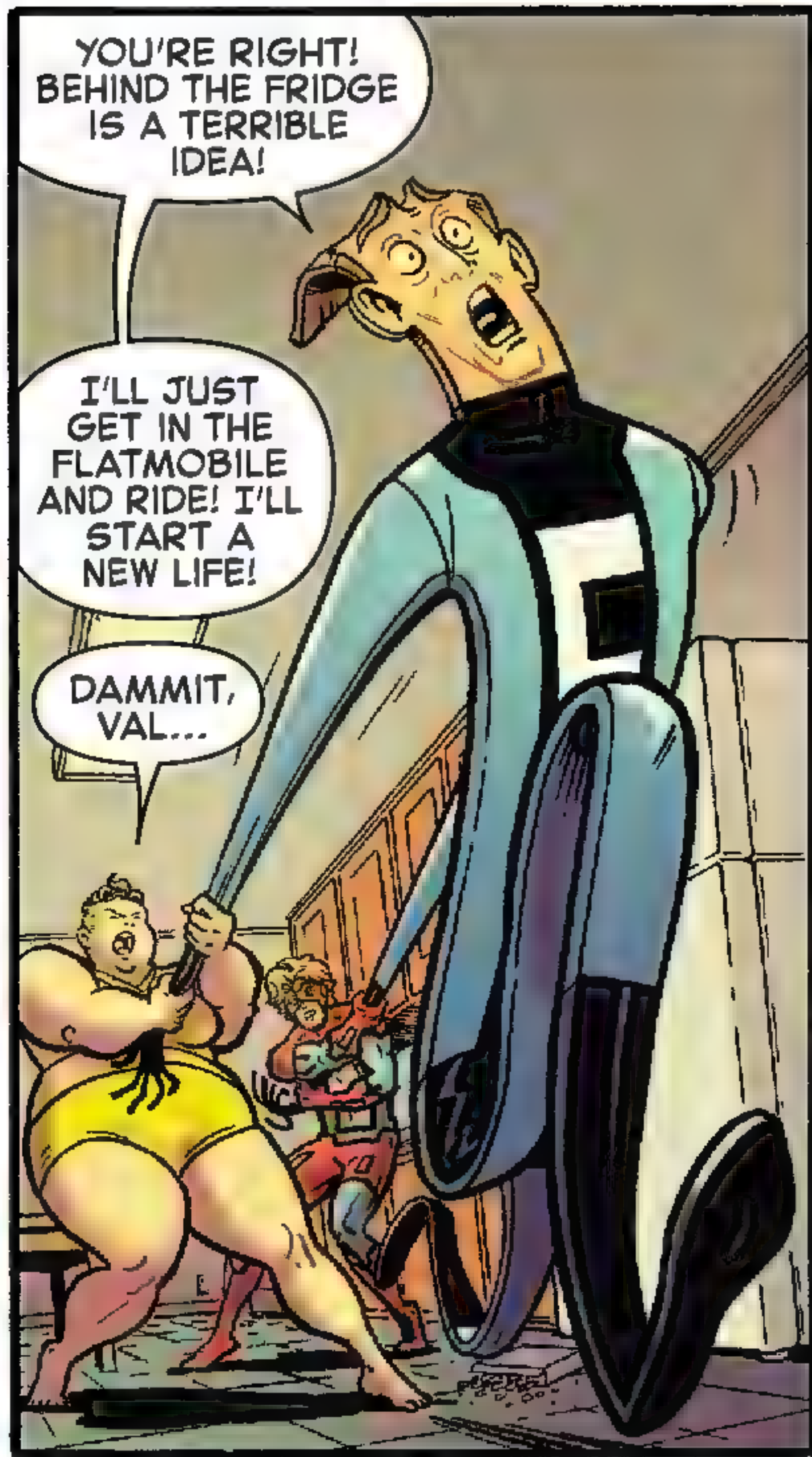
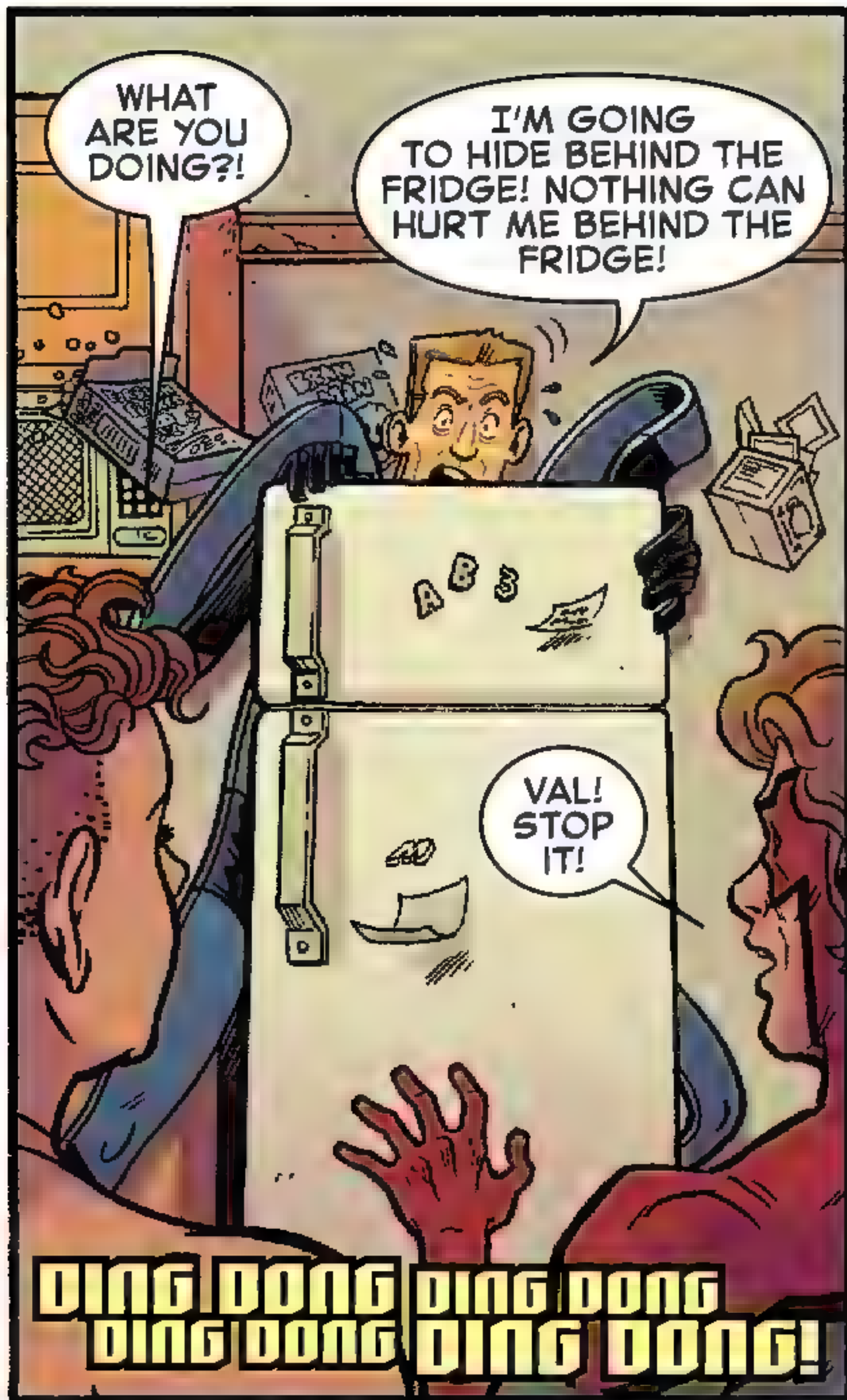














NOBODY'S GETTING KICKED OUT OF THE AVENGERS, OKAY? JUST EVERYBODY BE COOL! FOLLOW MY LEAD AND FOR GOD'S SAKE JUST ACT NATURAL!

WHAT THE HELL'S TAKING SO LONG TO ANSWER THE DOOR? THAT'S NOT NATURAL.

DING DONG  
DING DONG  
DING DONG  
DING DONG!

UH...

CONNIE!  
HOW NICE TO SEE YOU!  
PLEASE COME IN!

RIGHT.  
WHATEVER.

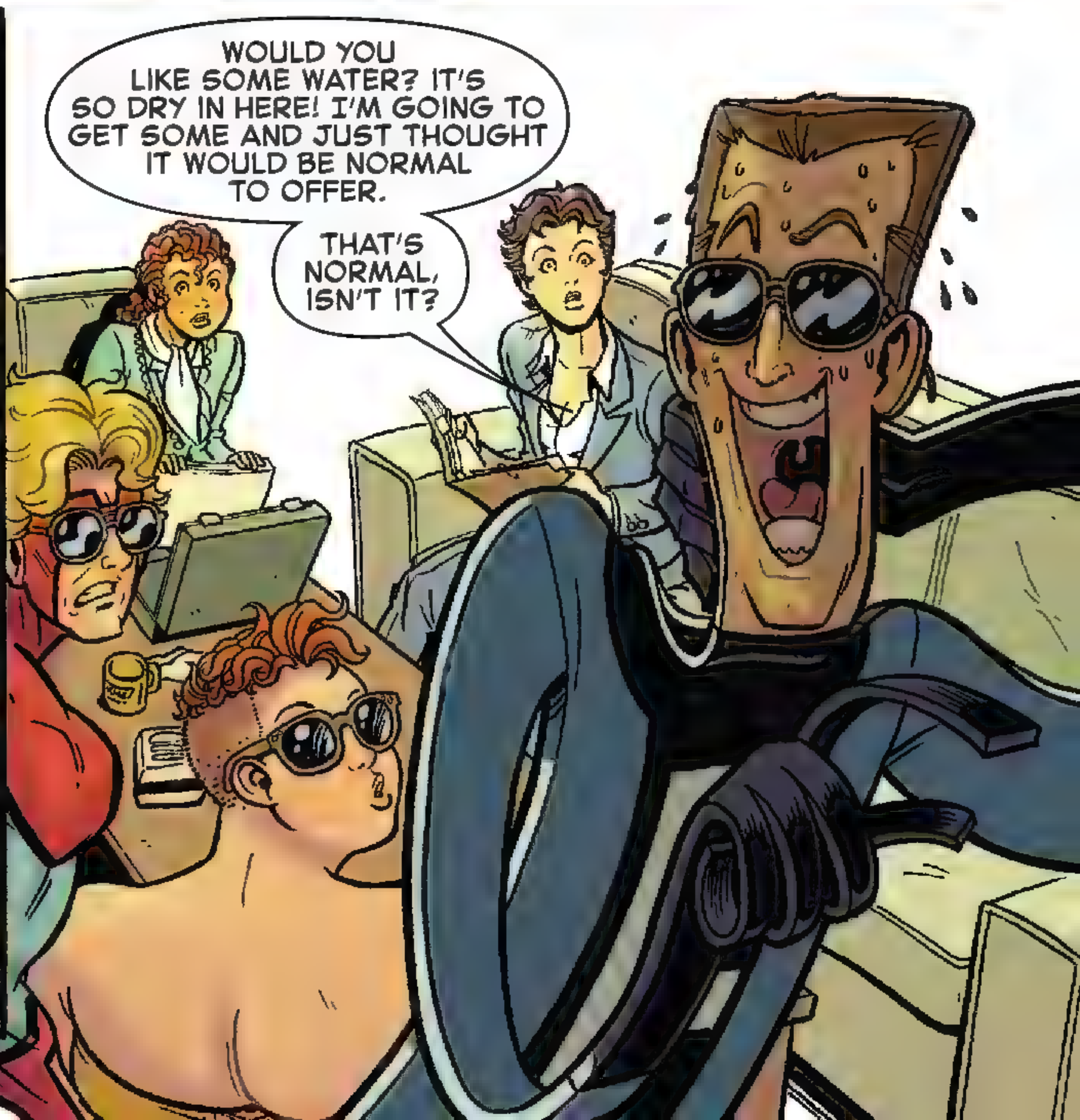
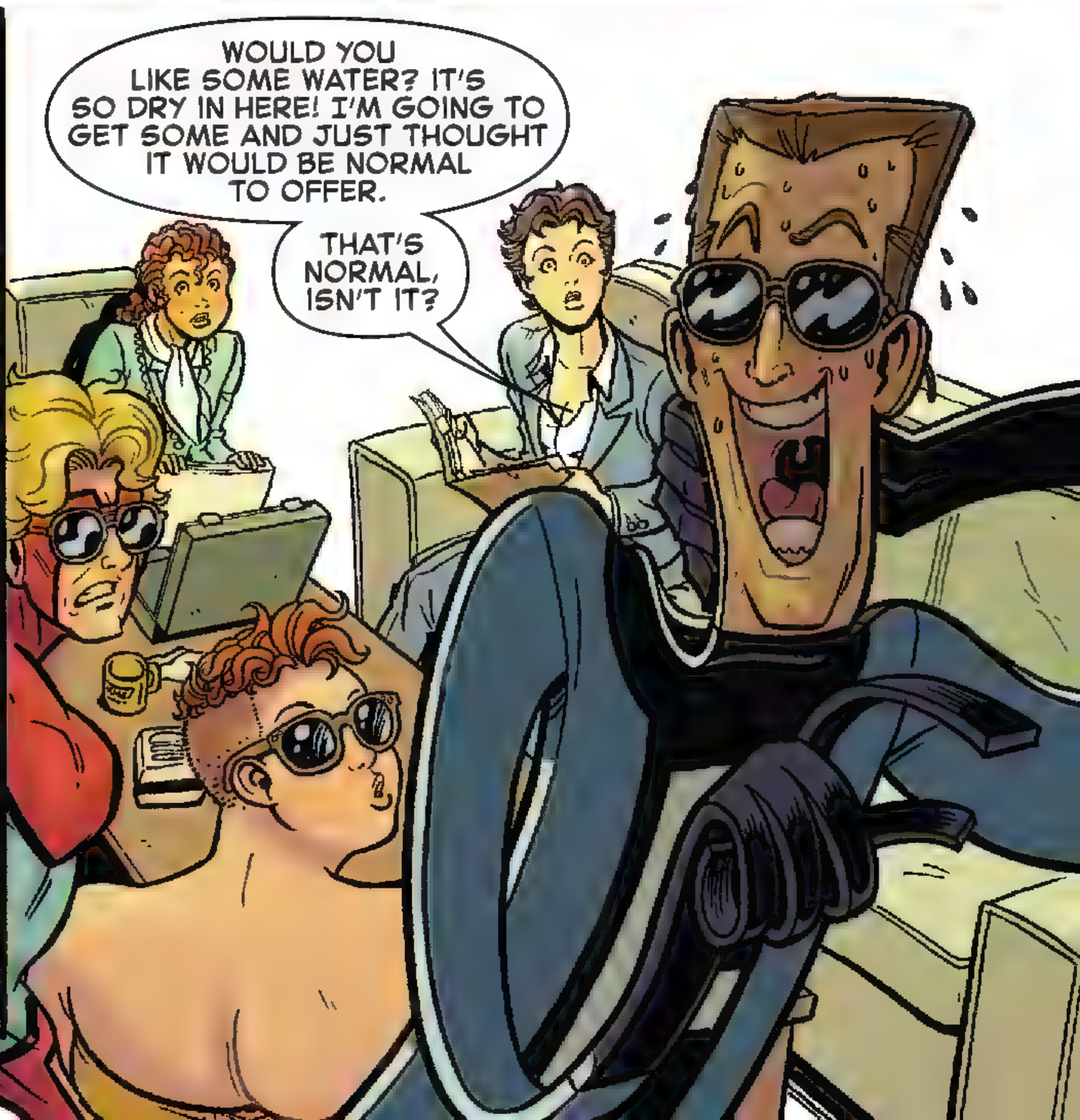
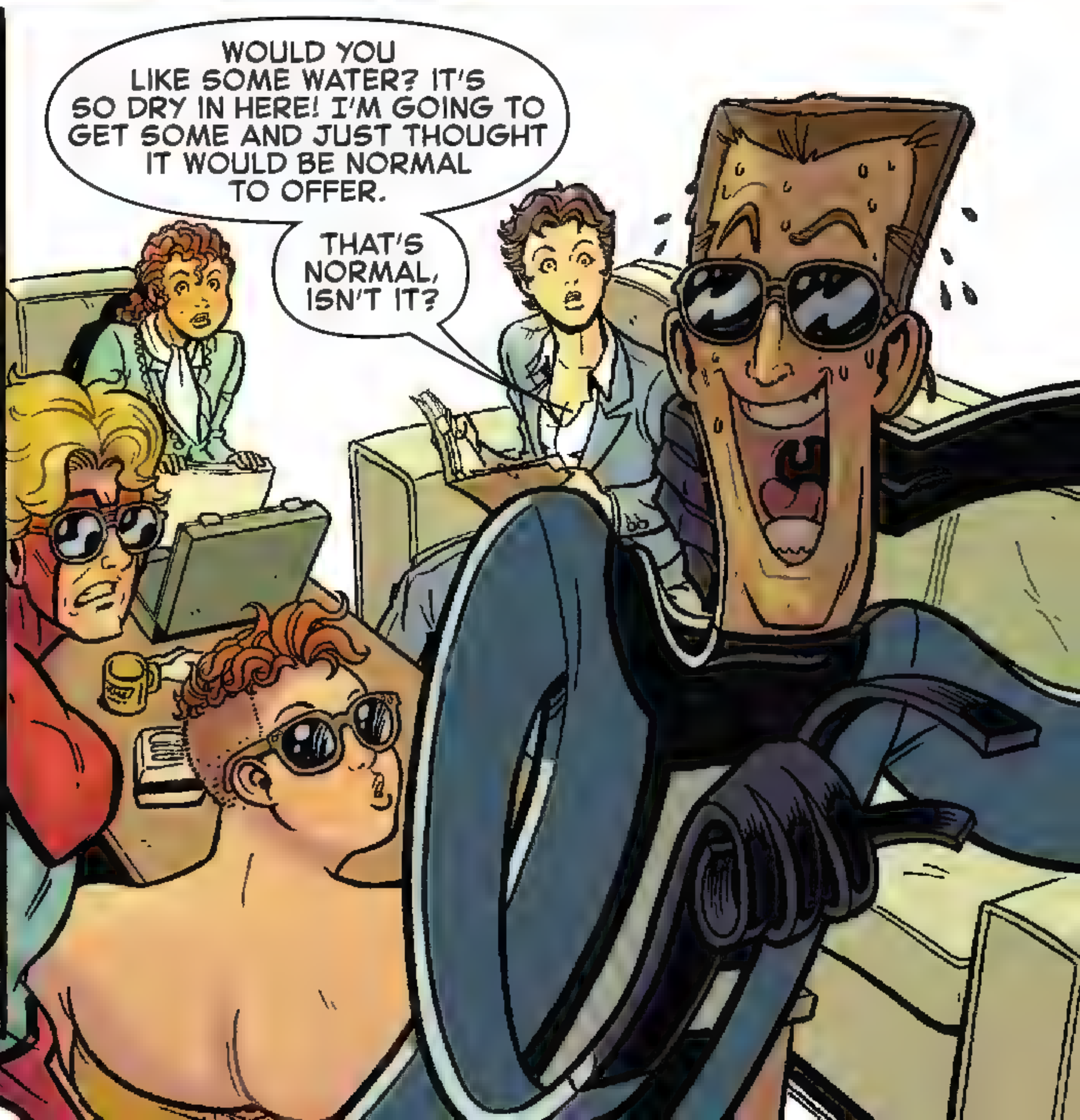
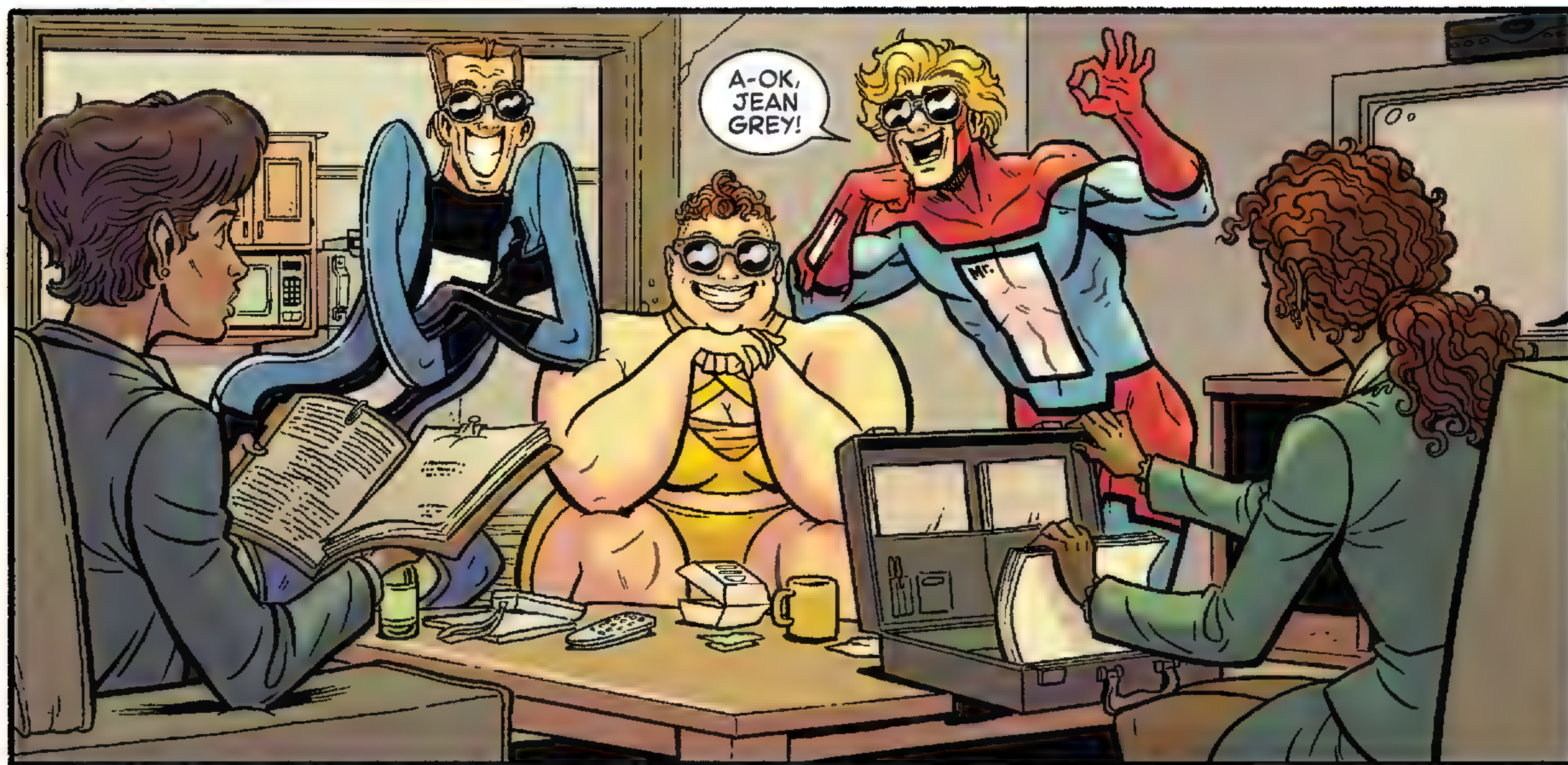
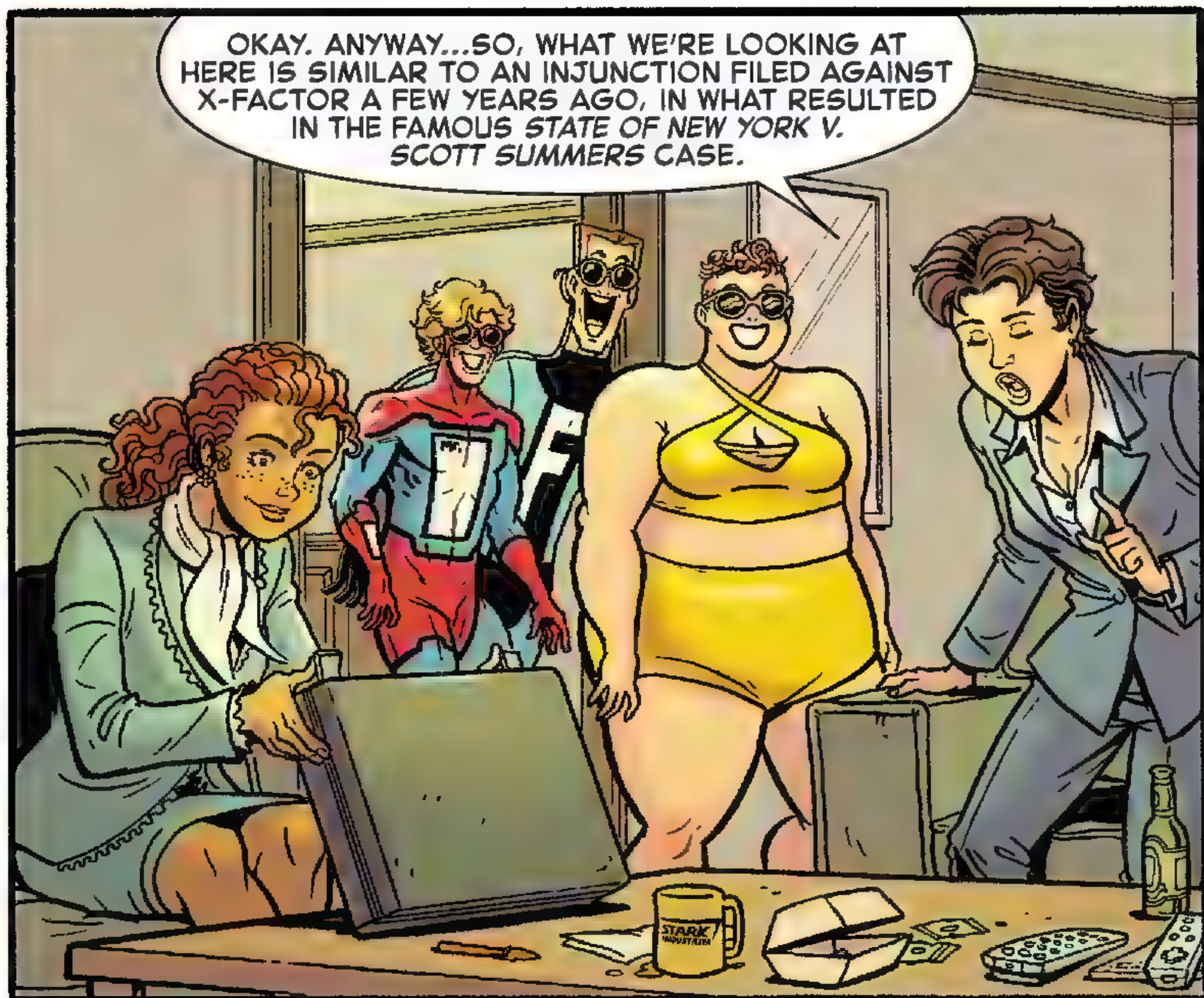
WHY THE SUNGLASSES AGAIN?

I TOLD YOU! THE AVENGERS TRAIN THEIR LAWYERS TO READ MICRO-EXPRESSIONS!

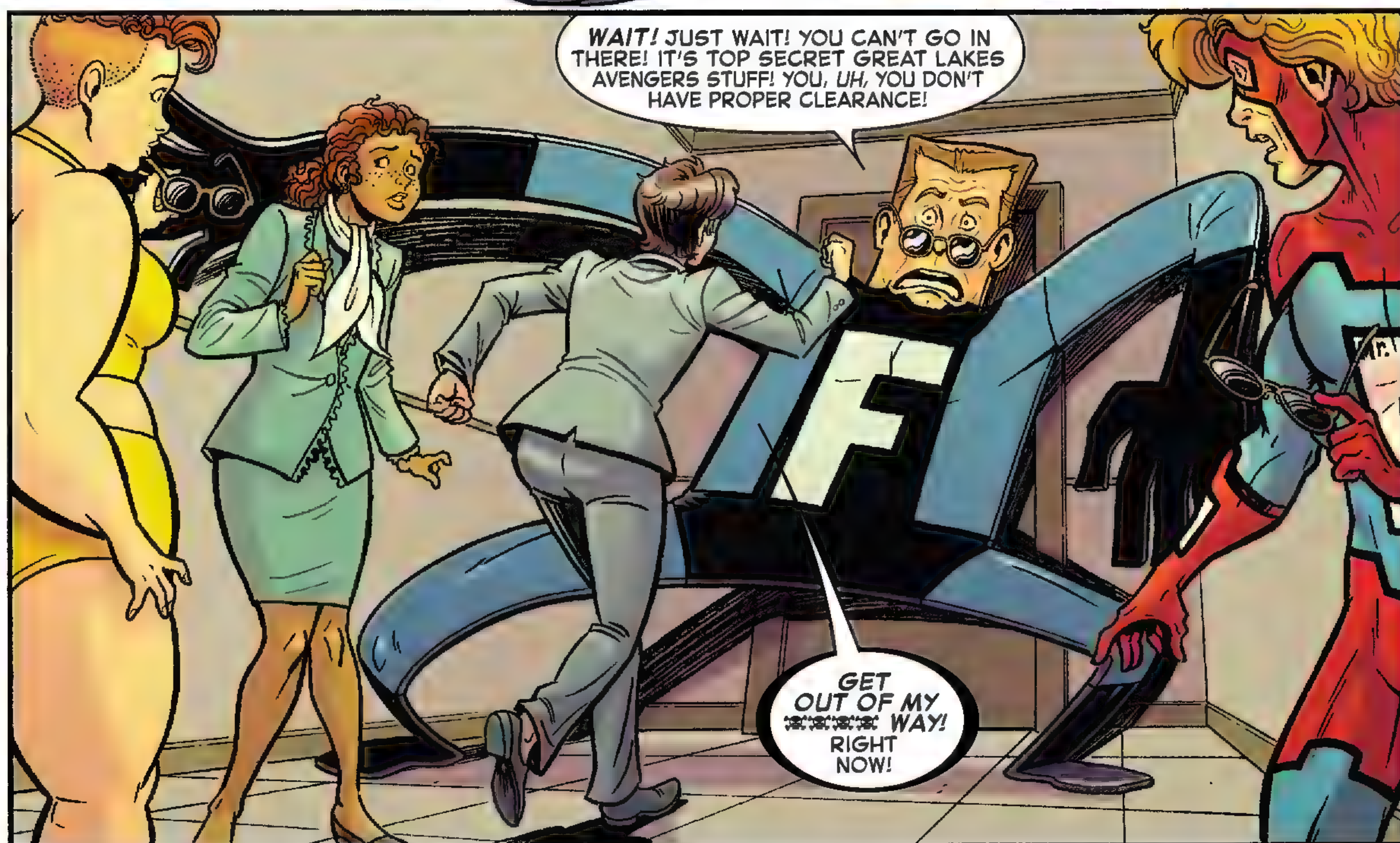
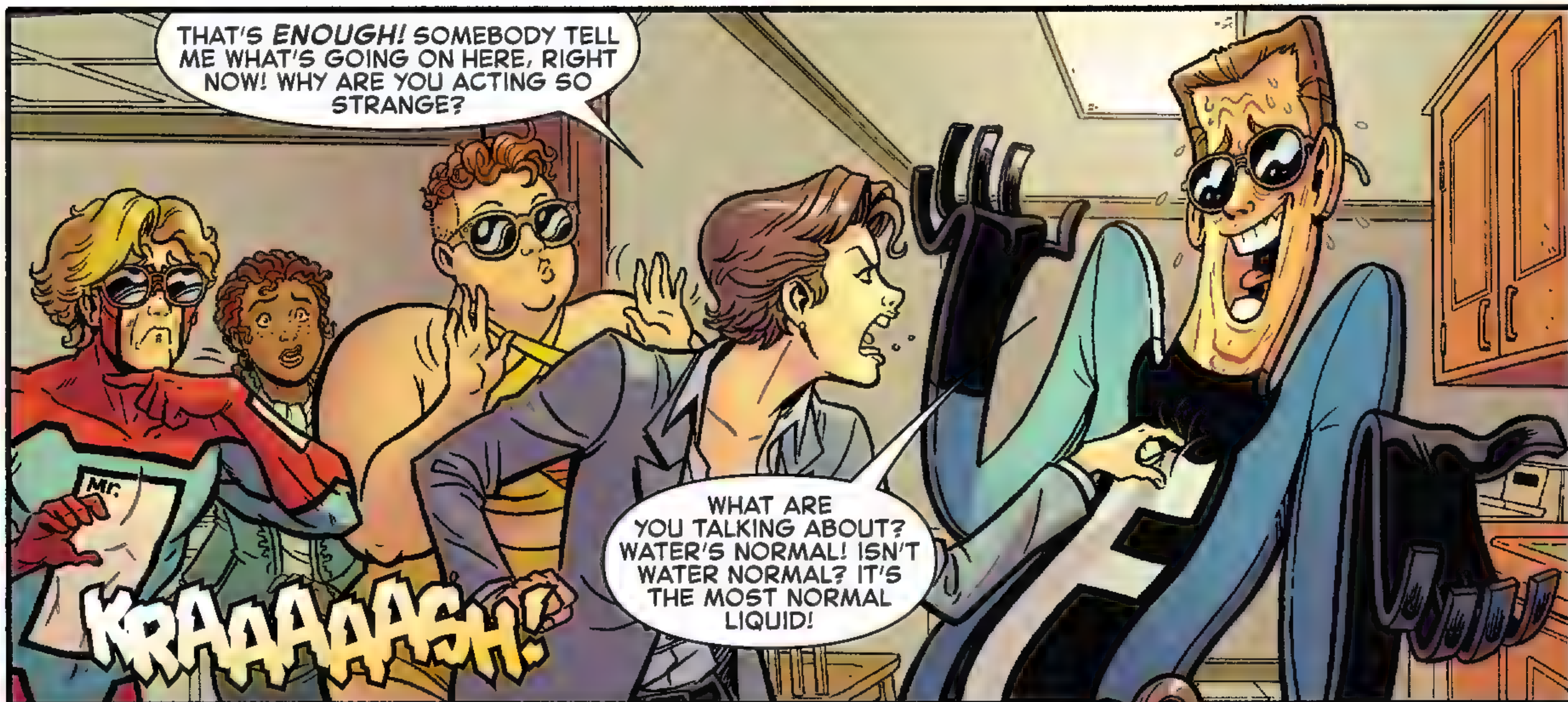
MR.  
I DON'T THINK THAT'S A REAL THING!

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COME ON!

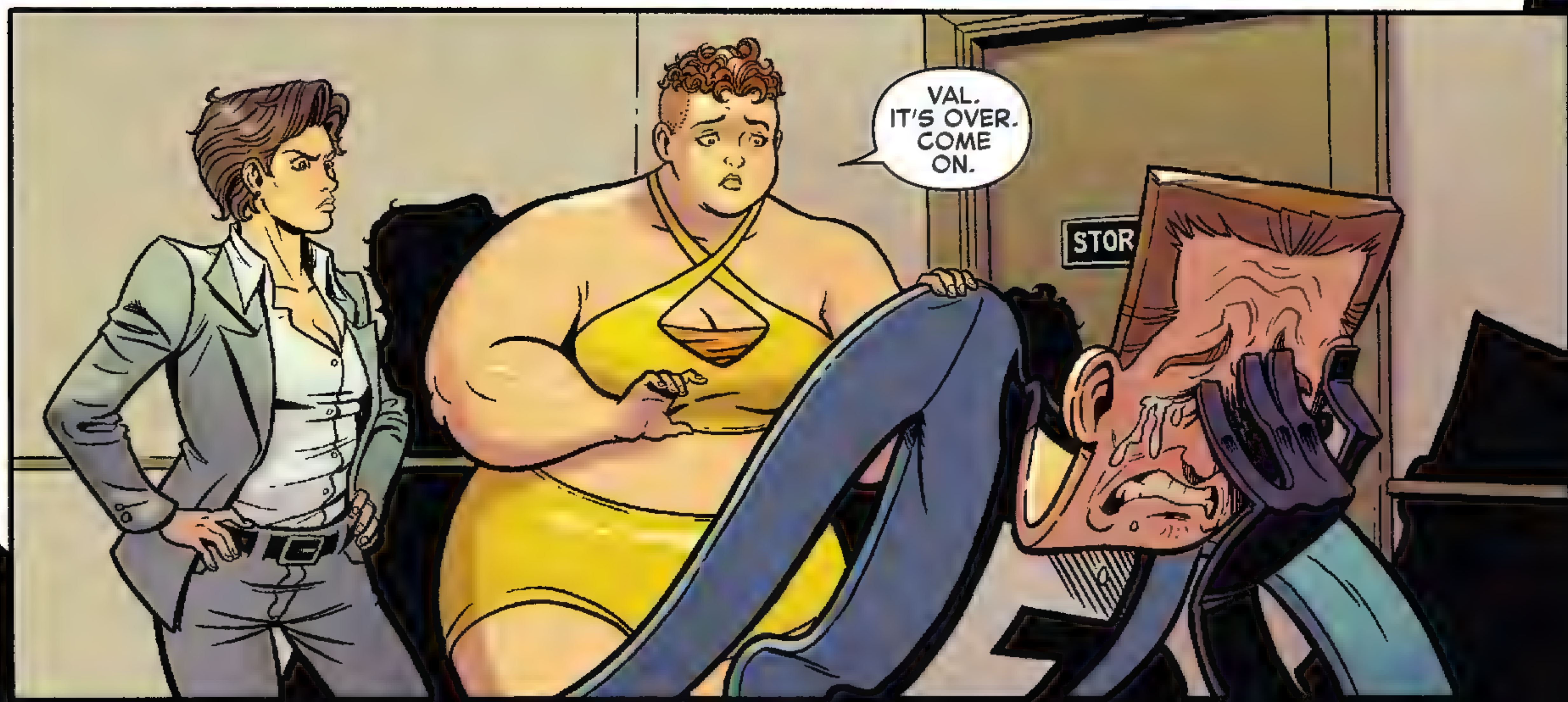
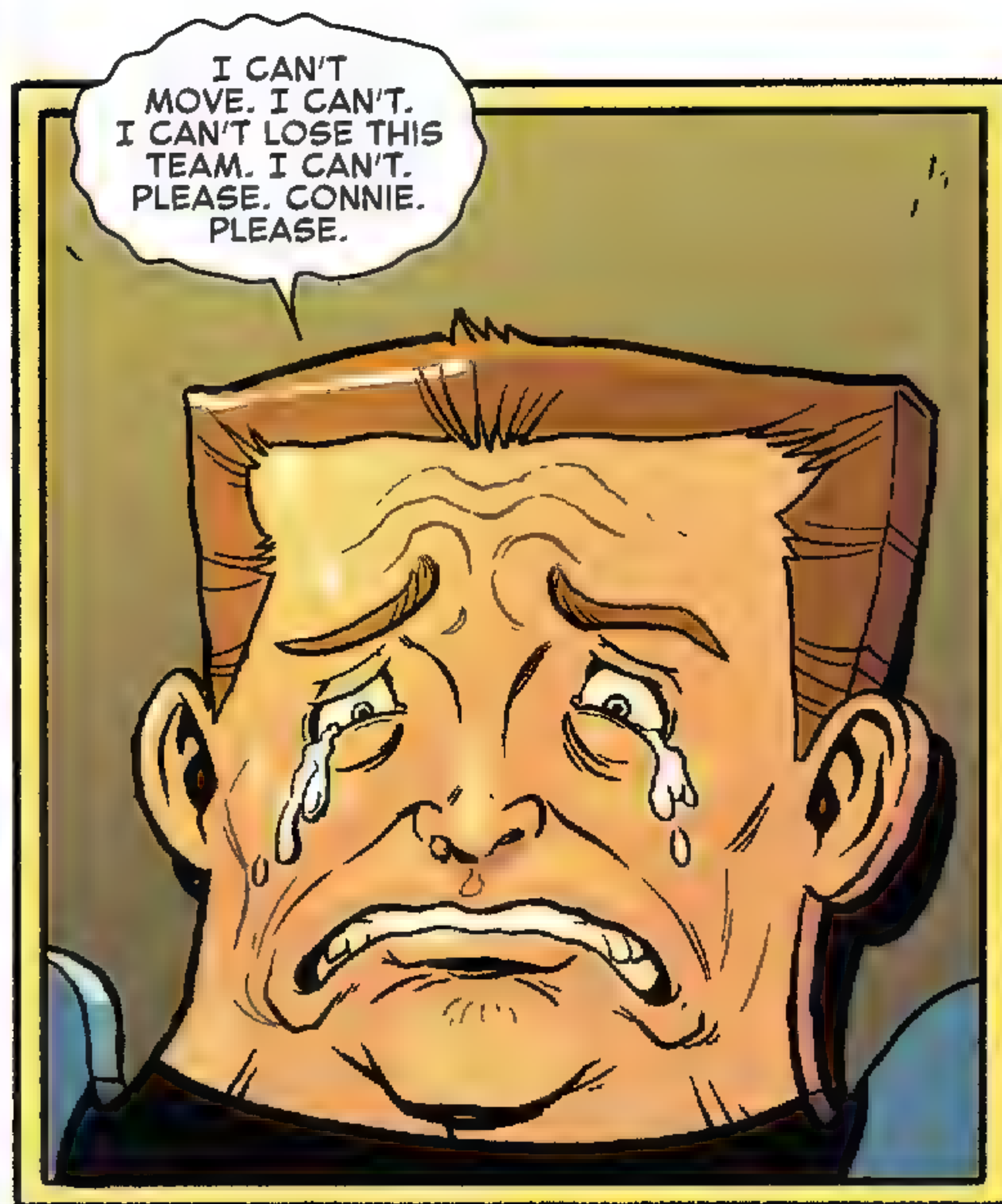








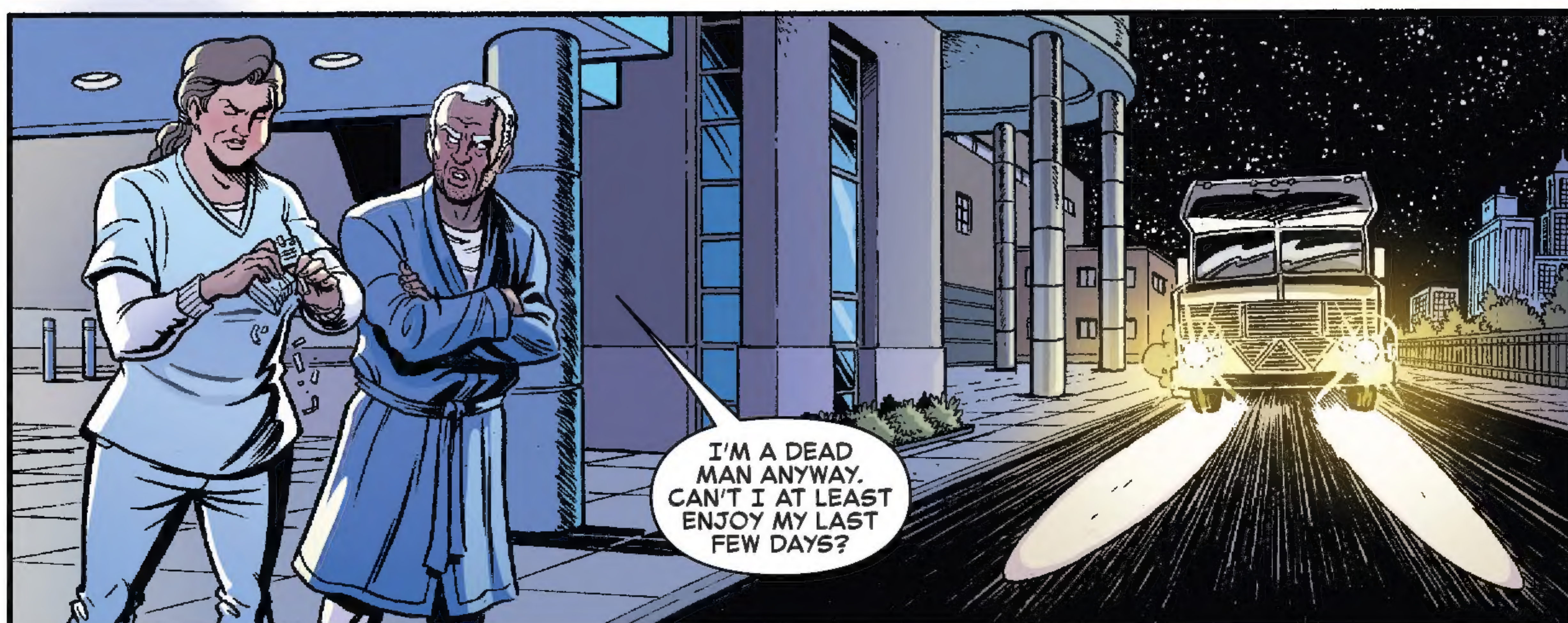
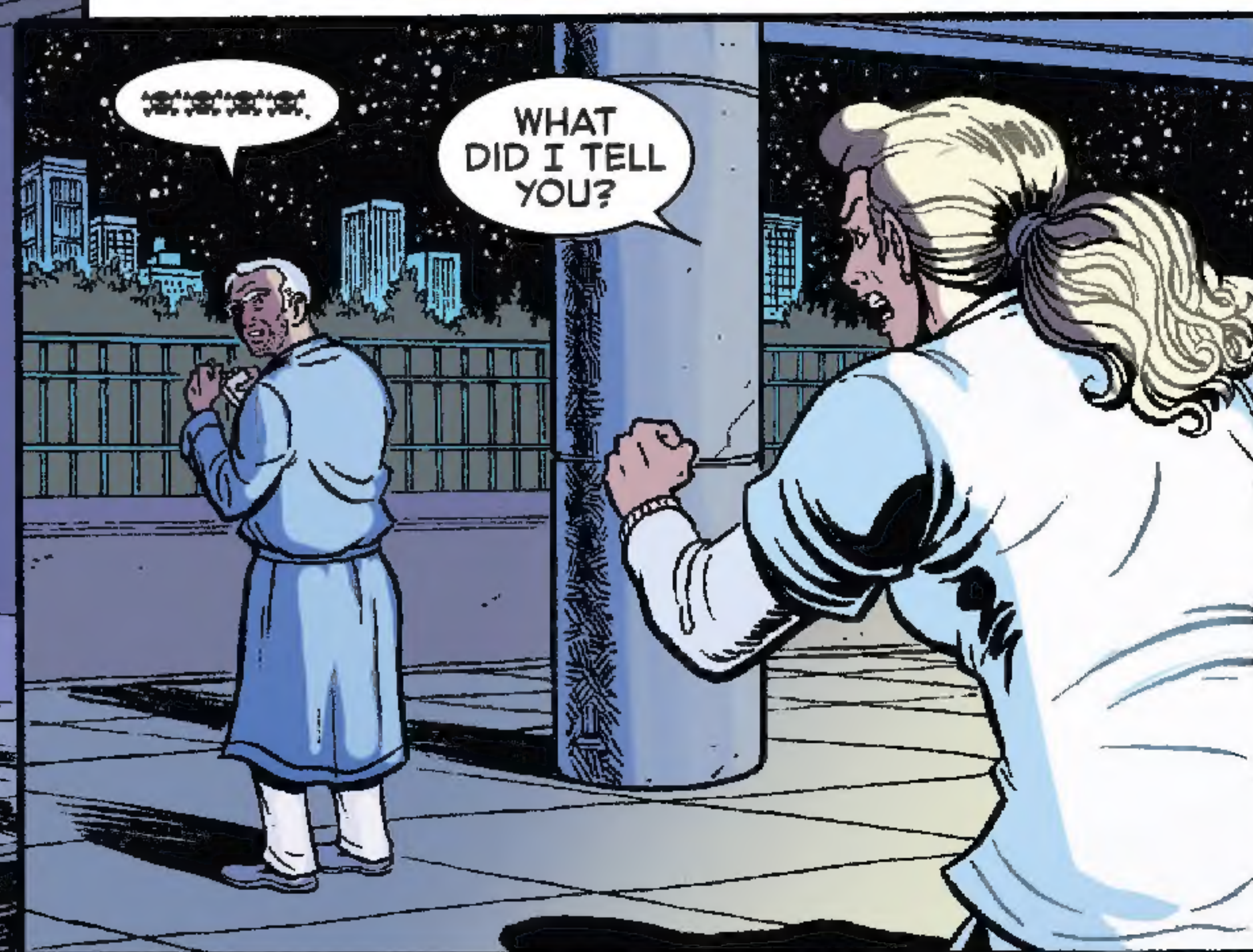
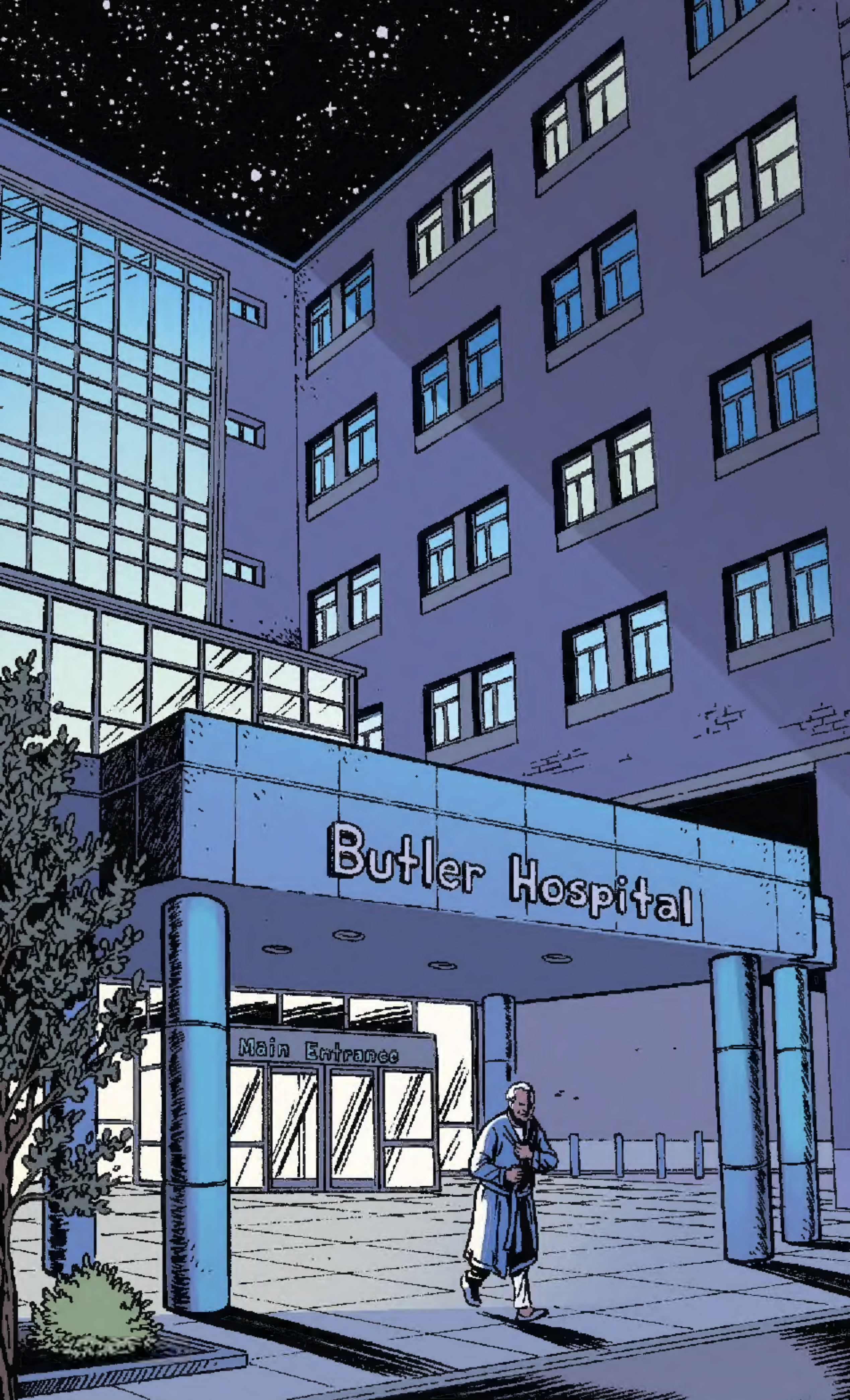




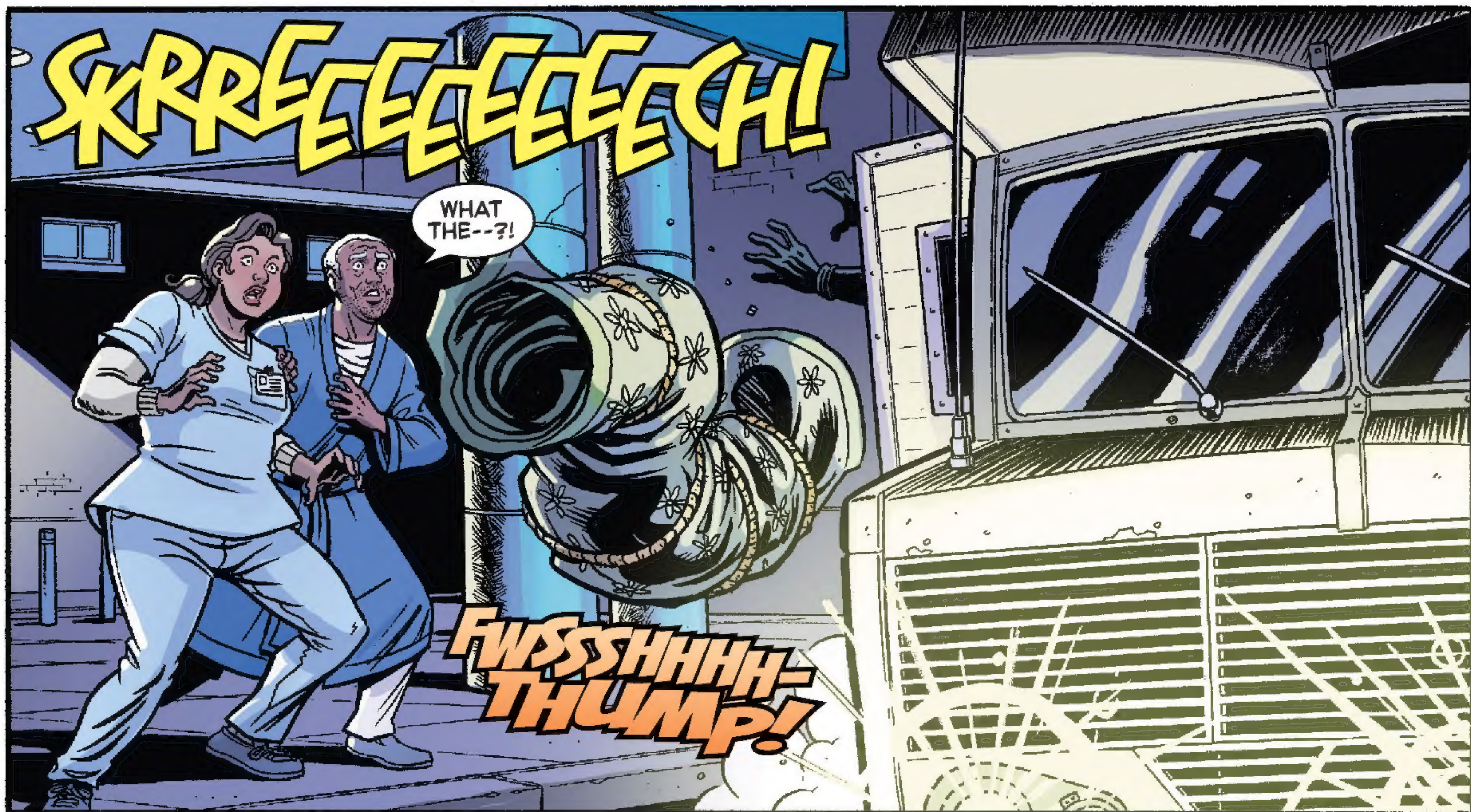














# The Great Lakes Avengers

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We said the Great Lakes Avengers will hire just about anybody to join the team that CIVIL WAR II forgot, and our readers have answered the call! But can our astoundingly average applicants impress writer and GLA hiring director Zac Gorman? Let's find out!

The revival of the GREAT LAKES AVENGERS is upon us! Is the Marvel Universe ready for it? Big Bertha, Flat Man, Doorman, and the eternal Mr. Immortal have stayed in the background long enough. Ever since their debut back in WEST COAST AVENGERS #46, I felt like some of those characters should have been featured in the regular Avengers titles a little more through the years. Mr. Immortal has a ton of potential, not to mention the potential of tons of Big Bertha, also a favorite. So here's to a franchise of epic proportions. I just hope it's not all parody and jokes. When they first got together, Hawkeye said, "Your powers are kinda funky...and your codenames stink...but with the proper management...my management...this could be a heckuva team!" And as far as the cool stuff that I can do, how does the ability to keep buying comics and finding space for them in my studio apartment sound? After all, there's only 500 square feet available and I have been buying comics for years!

Long live the GLA!  
Dan Tandarich

We appreciate the apartment space, Dan! But I guess that means that you won't be purchasing the special edition trade coming next year, which actually measures just a hair over 600 square feet. I tried to warn my editors this might happen. I said, hey, do you think that 600 square feet is too big for a comic? They said no. I wanted it to be the size of a normal comic, Tom wanted it to be 1,200 square feet, so we compromised. It just goes to show!

I wasn't expecting such a fun comic! It went into my local comic store, and after a quick browse for my usual, I didn't find anything I liked. One of the workers pointed out that I might like the GREAT LAKE AVENGERS, since I like quirky fun comics. I was told that it was "the failed team of Avengers that gets called in when everyone dies."

Big Bertha has to be my favorite so far (plus I love her hair)! I am absolutely enthralled with the art style! Looking forward to the next issue!

Aria Ching

Thank you for your kind words and cool name, Aria. I can only hope that you enjoy reading the comic as much as I enjoyed reading your name just now.

Hello to the Marvel Makers,

You have heard the voice of the fans and the GREAT LAKES AVENGERS are finally getting the monthly series they deserve, YES! I have been a fan of the GLA since I first heard of them and have been wanting to see them more than once a year on only one page; now

they can be seen every three weeks in over 20 pages. This is a series I have been waiting for, and I hope it goes for the next 3-5 years, and that the writer keeps it good, because I plan to keep on reading to in nity and beyond.

Henry Spruill from Byron, GA.



Thank you for your enthusiasm, Henry! But I have a favor to ask. I was wondering if maybe while you were hoping, you wouldn't mind also hoping for a GREAT LAKES AVENGERS film franchise, preferably one where the creative team would all be asked to stand in as bystanders during a really cool action scene. Thanks again!

Dear Marvel,

Yo!

So the second I first heard about the new GREAT LAKES AVENGERS ongoing, I rushed to tell literally everyone I knew about it, because it's amazing! I bought the whole limited series last year and I ate it up, and I'm super excited that it's taking place in Detroit! Will there be any cool places you're going to be referencing? (Vault of Midnight just opened up there, and it's a super cool comic store. It would be the most meta thing ever!) I can't wait to start reading and collecting this series!

Elisha Deogracias

I'm excited also! And I don't know if they'll let me print this, Elisha, but Vault of Midnight is my favorite comic store on the planet and everyone should go there! In fact, if you come to the Ann Arbor location on any given Wednesday, there's a good chance I'm walking amongst the racks with my arms full of comics! Thanks for spreading the word!

[Spoiler alert: We let him print it]

Greetings, Zac Gorman and Will Robson! I really liked GREAT LAKES AVENGERS #1 and I hope you continue the good work. Since this is a team that always cared for minorities, I was wondering: Is there any possibility Starbrand & Nightmask could make an appearance?

Pedro Nogueira

Thanks for reading, Pedro! We do have a diverse little family of characters here with the Great Lakes Avengers, and I'll never rule out any crossovers, but there are no plans at the moment! Still, our team is a great place to bring back forgotten but beloved characters...

My name is Mark Duck and I write to join the GLA. I am totally qualified to join, for I have not one, but two "magni co" powers! My first power is "saiko desu"! I switch English adjectives with their counter parts in "alte" languages. My second power is the ability to write "pobjeda" resumes. They "immer" get accepted! Let's make the world "asfalis" for everyone.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Andrew Outeiral

Dear Andrew Outeiral,

Are you sure your powers aren't to confuse people who write letters columns?!

Zac

The Great Lakes Avengers still wants YOU (to be their extraordinarily mundane cannon fodder/teammates)! Send your qualifications--like arriving exactly ten minutes late anywhere you go and always finding quarters left behind in vending machines--to MHEROES@MARVEL.COM marked "OKAY TO PRINT" to be considered (our lawyers said we have to tell you there is no pay and that we couldn't put that fact in really really tiny print in the margins anymore).

## NEXT:



BIG BERTHA TAKES DETROIT



